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Report On State Legislature

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The House Ways and Means Committee has reported a measure that will legalize quarterhorse racing and pari-mutuel betting along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and in Hinds and Washington counties.

plans are made, the deed is already done.
Pari-mutuel gambling is a form of betting in which the operators of the tracks skim off a predetermined percentage of the total money bet on a race. In the original bill, House Bill 300, introduced by representatives Walter Brown of Natchez and Jim Simpson of Pass Christian, the amount withheld by the licensee could not exceed 15 per cent.

It may be the committee's version of the bill sets forth the revenue expected. The usual pattern is that either state, city, or county receive the percentage and the balance is paid to those holding the winning ticket.
A mechanical totalizer is used to calculate the odds and determine the amounts for win, place or show. The pari-mutuel system basically accomplishes two things. First, the track (Continued on page 2)

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SBC "Silent Majority" Now Beginning To Speak Up

The "silent majority" among Southern Baptists is beginning to speak up and to act. The following editorial appears in the Missouri Baptist Journal, The Word and Way, in the March 12 issue. Dr. Ross Edwards is the editor of this publication.

We have heard references made to a "silent majority." It seems to us that Southern Baptists also have a "silent majority."

Since the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco, a small minority of Southern Baptists have been increasingly vocal. Under various

names these people have challenged Bible-believing Baptists. Some of us have spoken or written in reply to Bible critics. Dr. W. A. Criswell has sometimes stood alone in battles with them.

We have been waiting for some sign that the more liberal element in our midst would show some restraint. In conflict with the regularly scheduled pre-convention meetings in New Orleans in 1968, these people conducted their own meeting. They promoted a candidate for the presidency of the

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The annual convention of Mississippi Baptist Women's Missionary Union will be held at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson March 24-25.

Up to 1500 women, from every section of the state, are expected to attend the meeting to begin at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday and adjourn at 3:30 p. m. on Wednesday.

Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, president, will preside over the sessions. Principal speakers will be Glendon McCullough, personnel secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Mrs. Ray Gilliland, Rapid City, S.D., president of Women's Missionary Union of Northern Plains Baptist Convention; Dr. Jim Young, administrator of Baptist Hospital in Yemen; Miss June Whitlow, of the Field Services Department, W.M.U., auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham; Hubert G. Hart, superintendent of language mission work in Florida for the Home Mission Board; and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

Mrs. Robert Fling, of Pleasantville, N.Y., will lead the worship period at each session.

She was formerly president of W.M.U., auxiliary to the SBC, and has been in the state before.

Dennis Butler, minister of music of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, will lead convention music and sing a solo at each session.

Southern Baptist missionaries who will appear on program include:

Rev. and Mrs. David N. Marshall, missionaries to Nigeria; Rev. and Mrs. John W. Merrill, to Nigeria; Rev. and Mrs. Lewis I. Myers, Jr., to Vietnam; Rev. and Mrs. Donald H. Redman, to Costa Rica; Mrs. Samuel I. Simpson, to Ecuador; and Mr. Hart. Primary Southern members from the Jackson area will "meet the missionaries" at the host church from 7:30-8:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Girls' Auxiliary members will "meet the missionaries" at the host church at 7:30 Tuesday evening. Mothers of Mississippi missionaries will be recognized as special guests at the opening session with Mrs. Carole Cox of Clinton, vice-president, director.

A business session will be held Wednesday morning which will include the election of officers and reports of registration, courtesy and other committees.

Convention organizers will be Mrs. Bob Simmons, Meridian, with the principal to be Mrs. James Richardson of Laurel.

A feature will be a panel discussion moderated by Mrs. Fling with the following panelists:

Mrs. Gilliland, Mr. Hart, Mr. McCullough, Miss Whitlow and Dr. Young.

Convention theme will be "In the Spirit of Christ."

Dr. Edmund Robinson is executive secretary of the State W.M.U.

Other officers are Mrs. D. J. (Irene) Mann, Jackson, recording secretary; and Miss Sue Tatum, Vicksburg, assistant recording secretary.

Although the convention has been meeting the past few years in Jackson, this is the first time the convention has ever met in Broadmoor Church. Dr. David Grant, pastor

Teacher Training Institutes Ready

W. G. Thompson, co-author of the book, "The Dynamic Church," and associate in the Educational Division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead an outstanding group of conference leaders who on March 24-27 will help prepare potential teachers of 1971.



Mr. Thompson will also lead a particular look at well as four church program administration books.

Sharon Rose, Forrest Watkins, Earl Murphy, and Festus Robertson are officers of the Sunday School Board who will be also leading conferences in these teacher training institutes.

Ben Cornett and Eddie Hart of the Brotherhood Commission, and John Johnson of Mississippi College, along with staff members of the Mississippi

Sunday School, Brotherhood, State, and Training Union Departments, will complete the teaching teams.

Conferences are scheduled on Thursday, March 26, at First Church, Clinton, and at Temple Church, Hattiesburg.

On March 27 the conferences will be at Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, and at First Church, Hattiesburg.

Starting time will be at 10:00 a.m. with adjournment scheduled for 3:30.

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Village In Easter Appeal

The Easter season is an especially exciting time for the boys and girls at the Baptist Children's Village, according to Paul N. Stumery, superintendent.

Through the interest and generosity of individuals who are friends of Mississippi's Baptist child care agency, the days about Easter have come to be the only time when all of the children at the Village may depend upon receiving new clothing suitable for church wear through the spring and summer months.

In announcing the 1971 "Dress A Child At Easter" campaign recently, the administration at the Village reminded friends of the children that the new clothing made possible by the annual Easter appeal to individuals would be worn for the first time on Easter Sunday.

The Village staff has revealed that (Continued on page 2)



—Texas Baptist Standard

Racing Bill Must Be Killed!

AN EDITORIAL

The gambling crowd and racketeers never quit. They always are proposing devious ways by which they can get their hands into the pockets of the public.

The latest move is to try to get horse racing and organized gambling legalized in the state. Citizens of Mississippi were startled last week to learn that a bill to allow local option on horse racing in three counties of the state, had been released from committee, and would be considered by the legislators.

THIS BILL MUST BE KILLED!

Mississippi does not need horse racing, race-track gambling, or any other type of gambling, legal or illegal.

Race tracks inevitably are accompanied by syndicated gamblers, gangsters, bookies, and racketeers, and by poverty, crime, suicide and murders.

The argument that racing will help bring recovery to the Gulf Coast area is ridiculous. In the first place, organized gambling always takes away far more money from the legitimate channels of business, than it puts into them. The Coast already has enough financial problems, without the gambling crowd getting more of their much needed dollars. Moreover, such an activity always attracts the wrong type of people, destroyers rather than builders. In the third place, even if it were profitable, which it is not, are we willing to sell our souls for a few paltry tax dollars?

Supporters of this bill are very shrewd. They have made it a local option bill affecting only

three counties, and are arguing that legislators from other areas can support it since it is "local and private."

The fallacy of this quickly is seen when it is recognized that anything which occurs in Jackson, on the Gulf Coast, or Washington County, will affect the whole state.

The seriousness of the situation was pointed up Sunday when Lieutenant Governor Charles Sullivan announced that some members of the Mafia (organized crime syndicate) were on the Mississippi Coast, and that they were carefully being watched. He announced that they would not be allowed to start operations in the state. He commended the Lt. Governor on this stand.

There are many men in the legislature who will vigorously oppose this legislation, so it is inconceivable that it could pass. However, since there are some who favor it, the opponents of it need assistance. Business men, professional men, pastors, ladies, and all other right thinking citizens, should act TODAY to let their legislators know that they want this legislation killed.

The time for action is RIGHT NOW, since this bill may come before the House of Representatives at any moment. If it should be passed by that body, before this editorial appears, then every senator should be contacted immediately, and also the Governor.

Mississippians can keep abominable forces of this type out of the state. But to do so they must give support to men who are fighting this proposal. The time to do that is now!

Christian Life Program Protested

NASHVILLE (BP) — First details for nation-wide Southern Baptist seminar in Atlanta on the theme, "Toward Authentic Ministry for Modern Man," a program which has caused considerable controversy, were announced by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission here which is sponsoring the meeting, March 18-19.

More than 100 letters and at least two editorials in Baptist state papers have criticized the commission for sponsoring the seminar, stated at Atlanta's American Motor Hotel.

Most of the letters have protested the commission's inviting as speakers to the meeting three of the 15 program executives — Joseph Fletcher, Episcopal Theological School professor and author of the book, Situation Ethics; Anne Moody, public affairs manager for Playboy magazine; and

Rep. Julian Bond, Negro state legislator in Georgia.

An editorial in the Mississippi Baptist Record questioned whether such speakers should be given a platform at a Southern Baptist meeting.

An editorial in the Tennessee Baptist and Reflector argued that the seminar would hurt giving to the convention's Cooperative Program unified budget.

An editorial in the Arkansas Baptist News magazine published in October, 1969, before the controversy really broke publicly, heaped criticism on the purpose of the seminar and observed that the "Christian Life Commission is well within its purview of its job description in choosing the seminar."

Most of the nearly 100 letters received by the commission have urged the seminar on the basis of

misinformation, or on a misunderstanding of the format and nature of the seminar, and Fay D. Valentine, executive secretary of the commission.

Many of the letters seem to have been prompted by a misleading article and radio broadcast put out by Billy James Hargis' Christian C-7 radio in Tulsa, Okla., Valentine said.

Most of the people who have written do not seem to understand that following the presentations by Fletcher and Moody, two Southern Baptist seminary professors who have done doctoral study in the field will debate their views, Valentine pointed out.

Healey H. Burdette, other professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will respond to Fletcher; and William H. Vines Jr., other professor at Louisville Baptist (Continued on page 2)



Glendon McCullough



Mrs. Vernon May



Dr. Edmund Robinson



Mrs. Ray Gilliland



Mrs. Vernon May



Miss June Whitlow



Hubert G. Hart

Baptists Commend President, Oppose Parochial School Aid

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has commended President Nixon for his concern for quality education for every American child as expressed in his reform message to Congress.

However, the Baptist agency balked on the President's proposals for federal aid to the nation's parochial schools.

The President's message to Congress coincided with the semi-annual meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee, giving the Baptists an "on-the-spot" opportunity to respond to his proposals.

The Baptist leaders registered "concern over the inherent church-state and public policy issues" raised by the President's message on education.

Less than two weeks prior to his education reform proposals, Nixon met with representatives of the National Catholic Education Association and pledged to find ways to support private schools.

Among the President's actions announced in his reform proposals were the creation of a Commission on School Finance, a request for a new National Institute of Education, and efforts to increase and extend provisions in current education laws for aid to parochial schools.

After careful analysis of the President's education reform message, the Baptist Joint Committee raised a number of questions that may be discussed in possible legislation. Among the potential collapse of such schools.

The President urged the commission on school finance to keep two considerations in mind: "First, our purpose here is not to aid religion in particular but to promote diversity in education; second, that non-public schools in America are closing at the rate of one day."

The purpose of the new proposed National Institute of Education is research and experimentation in the United States. Both public and private schools would be included in the program.

them are these:

1. Is this a step toward a dual public education system?
 2. Should government policy shift from neutrality to positive support for religious institutions?
 3. Does this open the door to private schools as a means of circumventing desegregation?
- It was the opinion of the Baptist Joint Committee that if parochial schools were to close or turn public, as suggested by the president that they might, "the expense to the public would not necessarily be overwhelming."
- Further, it was the view of the Baptists that "government sponsorship of two educational systems would seem to guarantee inequality in educational opportunity."

The Baptist Joint Committee, in harmony with its long-time support of the public schools, rejected the concept of the public schools as constituting a monopoly in education.

Instructing its staff on policies to follow in dealing with possible legislative proposals in Congress, the Baptist Joint Committee reaffirmed its belief that "public tax funds should be regarded as a public trust to be administered by public agencies for the public good."

The membership of the Baptist Joint Committee is composed of Baptist leaders elected by eight sponsoring denominations in North America. C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director.

Nixon Urges Parochial School Aid

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Richard Nixon has proposed federal education reforms designed to strengthen both the public and private schools of the nation.

In a "Message on Education Reform" sent to Congress, the President (1) proposed a new National Institute of Education, (2) announced a President's Commission on School Finance, (3) asked for funds for a program to help every American learn to read, and (4) proposed a network of child development projects for pre-schoolers.

Discussing his Commission on School Finance, Nixon said: "The specific problem of parochial schools is to be a particular assignment of the commission."

The President made it clear that he intends to find ways to help the parochial schools in the nation. He declared that such schools are essential to the education process of the nation and that they must remain in operation.

"The non-public elementary and secondary schools in the United States have long been an integral part of the nation's educational establishment," the President said. "They provide a diversity which our educational system would otherwise lack," he continued.

Nixon championed the parochial schools as a safeguard against educational monopoly by the public schools. Further, he said that they offer parents a choice of schools for their children.

"Up to now," the President continued, "we have failed to consider the consequences of declining enrollments in private elementary and secondary schools, most of them church-supported, which educate 11 per cent of all pupils — close to six million school children."

"In the past two years, close to a thousand non-public elementary and secondary schools closed, and most of their displaced pupils enrolled in local public schools."

"If most or all private schools were to close or turn public, the added burden on public funds by the end of the 1970's would exceed \$6 billion per year in operations, with an estimated \$2 billion more needed for facilities," he said.

The President further praised the parochial schools for their "demonstration of spiritual values giving children a moral code by which to live. This government cannot be indifferent to

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cannot lose, and secondly, a consistent group of betters cannot possibly win.

What are other objections to the system aside from moral considerations of gambling? (1) While majority shares are to be held by Mississippians, it will be possible for outside state gambling interest to hold stock, such as the Hyde Park Corporation of Buffalo, New York that holds 40 per cent of the stock of the Southland Racing Corporation, West Memphis, Arkansas.

According to the Commercial Appeal story Sunday, March 7, this is under investigation by a special state committee alleging possible financial dealings with the mafia members in the racetrack operation and charging that the Hyde Park group had sought to use influence to get Southland money invested in other tracks owned by members of the Hyde Park group.

(2) Legalized racing does not open up a very considerable number of jobs on a permanent basis. Racing throughout the United States is principally supervised by the New York Jockey Club.

Many imports will be hired, and while the figure 40 per cent Mississippi sounds good, it will not mean much economically to people in the state. On the other hand, there is substantial evidence that legalized gambling has pronounced detrimental effects on local businesses where the gambling occurs.

Bad debts has been a constant plague to merchants in these areas. Gambling takes the wealth that has been produced by a great number of people and siphons it off to those few who own the system.

(3) The most serious charge against legalized gambling, especially racetrack gambling, is the fact that it becomes a vehicle for the major income of organized crime. It has long been an legal since the pari-mutuel system when you have legalized gambling, it legal gambling flourishes.

Setting at the tracks fosters betting of the tracks, in spite of all the high sounding talk about controls, penalties for transportation of odds, etc.

The Massachusetts Crime Commission has indicated that the lowest such estimate it has obtained from the gambling fraternity itself was four to five times as much illegal gambling as legal since the pari-mutuel system began to be legalized in some states.

After an exhaustive study was made recently by a Texas group who

led in another defeat of efforts to legalize pari-mutual gambling in Texas, the conclusion of the study states, "We believe that such legislation is shown to be economically unsound and socially disastrous as organized crime grows in its weight. It is inconsistent with a concern for the welfare of individuals. We urge your support in defeating pari-mutual racetrack gambling."

Concerning the implied consent bill, it seems that all thinking citizens should be for this law, but many

drinking citizens are not. The purpose of the drunken driver law is simply to keep drinking drivers off the highway when it is unsafe for themselves or for others.

It establishes some chemical tests, such as the breath analyzer test of alcohol content in the blood. The law being proposed for Mississippi sets this at .10 per cent, which by testing has been found to be the most logical point of alcohol concentration to determine whether one is "under the influence."

Mississippi is one of three states not having such tests. It has proven helpful in keeping drunks off the highway, in law enforcement and in determining liability for accidents. It would seem that any one of these reasons would justify responsible law-abiding people to support it and would elicit the support of responsible law makers.

We urge Mississippi Baptists to let your senators and representatives know how you feel about both these important measures.



American Bible Society Has Luncheon Meet

Several denominations in the state were represented at a luncheon meeting held recently in Jackson sponsored by the American Bible Society. Seen speaking is Miss Ruth Culley, Society representative, telling of the work of the organization. Dr. Edwin Robinson, state Baptist W. M. U. secretary, can be seen at head table, one of those representing Mississippi Baptists. Southern Baptists are now the largest contributors to the Society among the denominations.

Missing Copies?

Have you missed a copy of the Baptist Record? Or do you know of someone who has? Several people, and some whole churches, are reporting to us that they have missed the paper the last week or two.

We deeply regret this problem. The cause is that we have changed our mailing system, going to IBM Computer mailing, and we simply have not been able to get all of the "bags" out of the new system. We expect the situation to correct itself within the next two weeks.

Changing to an entirely new system for a mailing list of more than 100,000 is no easy task. It is just about the biggest one we ever have attempted, but we are assured that when we get everything working right, that it is a far better system, and will save us money, too.

Please be patient with us, but if you do not begin to get your paper within the next two weeks, please write or call us. Our mailing department staff is working diligently, (and sometimes into the night) trying to get the problems ironed out.—THE EDITOR

Teacher Training

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Conferences have been planned to help church workers to understand the various program administration books with an emphasis on how to teach these books.

The primary target group are those who have been selected by associations and in some cases churches, to teach the general administration books.

"The Dynamic Church" will be taught by W. O. Thomason who, along with W. L. House, co-authored the book. Morton Rose of the Education Division office of the Sunday School Board will also be dealing with "The Dynamic Church."

Rev. Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., and Rev. Judd R. Allen, along with Sunday School Department staff members, will be leading conferences on how to teach "Administering the Bible Teaching Program."

"Administering Church Training" will be discussed by Forrest Watkins and Earl Murphy, both consultants in the Administration Section of the Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board.

Bill Latham and Kermit S. King of the Mississippi Training Union Department will assist in these conferences.

"Brotherhood Program of a Baptist Church" will be the content of conferences to be conducted by Ben Canrell and Eddie Hurt, both of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

Lead Prospective Teachers Festus Robertson of the Sunday School Board's Music Department and John Johnson of Mississippi College's Music Department will be leading prospective teachers of "Church Music Administration" in their discussions.

The stated purpose of these conferences is to help persons who will be teaching these books in association or church study programs.

This will involve a full understanding of the concepts of each book, suggestions for the effective use of the teaching guide, and additional suggestions for improving learning potential in conference or class situations.

Although a target group (those who are to teach the books at a later date) is specified, attendance at these training sessions is not restricted.

1971 Evangelistic --

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Convention Board. The decision was made by the Board's Executive Committee in their February meeting and the date was set for Feb. 13.

Until the office of the Secretary of Evangelism is filled, arrangements for the conference will be made through the Executive Secretary's office.

The coming of Dr. Criswell was made possible through the effort of Dr. Gordon Fleming before he left the Board's staff to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, Granada.

Dr. John Barnes, host pastor, advised the Executive Committee that motel and hotel accommodations in Pittsburg will be more than adequate.

HMB Travel Guide Available, Free

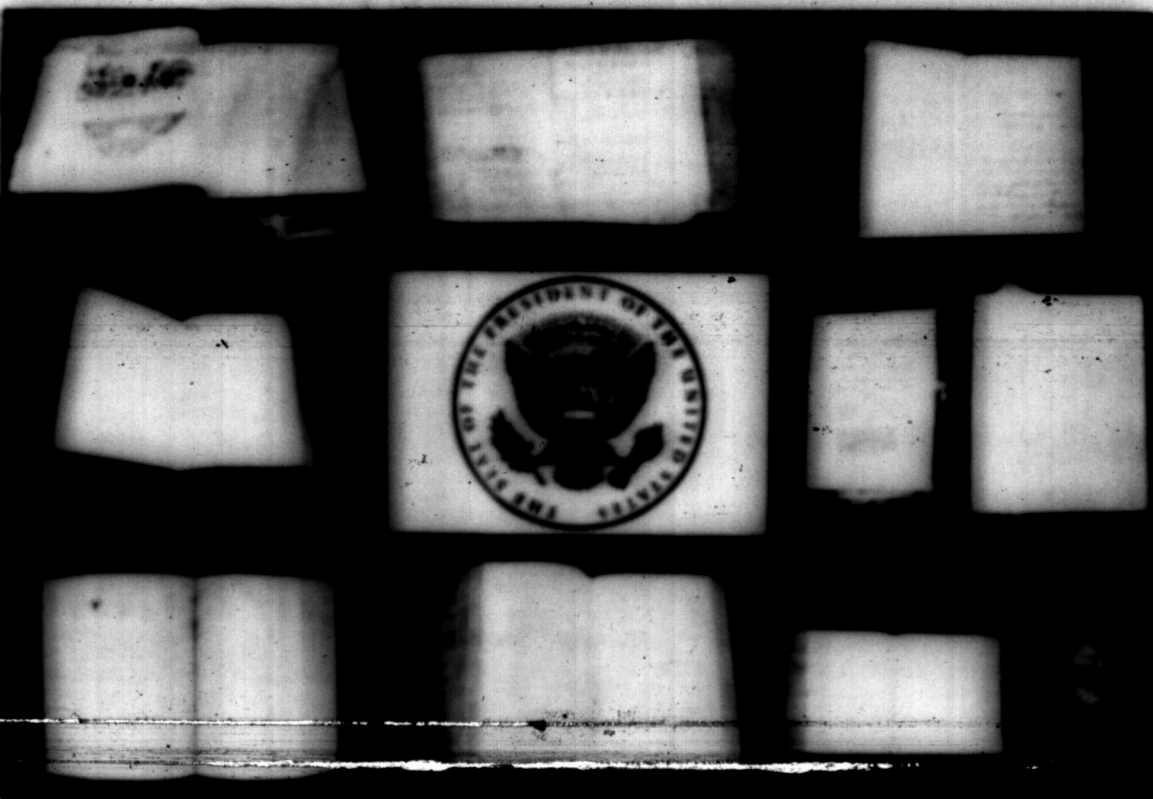
The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has released an expanded "Cooperative Program Travel Guide," a resource booklet listing on people and places receiving the concern and financial support of the Southern Baptist.

It lists mission areas and historical spots, state denominational offices and the executive secretaries of all SBC agencies.

This year's guide uses a new format. Each state is listed separately and the state and convention-wide interest areas are on a map; addresses are also included.

The booklet is useful for church groups desiring detailed information on the work of the Convention, and as an aid for travelers who would like to visit mission areas and institutions in the United States.

The Guide is available, free, from the Board's Division of Communication, 1200 Spring St., Atlanta, Ga. 30309



Bibles Of The Presidents On Exhibition

NEW YORK — The American Bible Society has presented an exhibition of Bibles which were used during Presidential inaugurations or owned by Chief Executives. Some of them are shown here.

TOP ROW (L-R): George Washington — The Washington inaugural Bible was loaned by the members of St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York City, for use in the first inauguration in 1789 and has remained the most valued possession of the Lodge.

James Madison — President Madison's inaugural Bible has not been

found. This is one of his family Bibles. In it are recorded the marriage of the President's parents, the births of their children and the death of the President's father.

Ulysses S. Grant — Only the second inaugural Bible used by President Grant has been found. It is inscribed to President Grant's only daughter, Nellie, by the clerk of the Supreme Court, and was probably given to her when she was married in the White House.

SECOND ROW (L-R): James A. Garfield — President Garfield's inaugural Bible contains the usual inscription by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

William McKinley — President McKinley's first inaugural Bible was made entirely of Ohio materials by Ohioans. It was presented to him by the African Methodist Episcopal Church for use in the ceremony.

BOTTOM ROW (L-R): Andrew Johnson — There are no official statements in the President Andrew Johnson inaugural Bible. However, its use is authenticated by a statement written on the front under the direction

of the President's daughter.

Franklin D. Roosevelt — President Franklin Roosevelt used this Bible in all four of his inaugurations. It is the oldest of the known inaugural Bibles, having been published in Holland in 1688 and contains Roosevelt family records from the early 18th Century. It is the only inaugural Bible in a modern foreign language, Dutch.

Richard M. Nixon — President Nixon used two Bibles in his inauguration. Both are old family Bibles from the Illinois side of the family (RNS Photo)

MINISTERS SEEKING S. S. EXEMPTION WARNED OF APRIL 15 DEADLINE

BALTIMORE (RNS) — The Social Security Administration warned here that most ministers have until April 15 to request exemptions from Social Security coverage.

A request must be based on the minister's opposition to receiving Social Security benefits "by reason of conscience or religious principle." The exemption applies only to wages earned "in the exercise of his ministry."

Ministers who have already filed forms requesting Social Security coverage before 1969 cannot request an exemption at this time, the announcement said. Also, exemptions approved now may not be revoked later.



Chaplain of Southern Street Methodist Church, Rev. V. Daniel West, pastor, Dallas, Texas, speaking at the luncheon. Other speakers for the week: Owen Cooper, Yonah City, Sunday morning; Ronny Nelson, William Carey College, Sunday evening; Marvin Graham, St. Olive, Sunday evening; Claude Townsend, Phoenix, Tuesday evening; Rex Brownell, Huntington, Wednesday evening; Fred Shaw, Columbia, Thursday evening; Betty Shaw, Laurel, Friday evening.

Revival Dates

Camden, N.J.: March 15-19; Laymen's Crusade revival, services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday-Friday; Rev. V. Daniel West, pastor, Dallas, Texas, speaking at the luncheon. Other speakers for the week: Owen Cooper, Yonah City, Sunday morning; Ronny Nelson, William Carey College, Sunday evening; Marvin Graham, St. Olive, Sunday evening; Claude Townsend, Phoenix, Tuesday evening; Rex Brownell, Huntington, Wednesday evening; Fred Shaw, Columbia, Thursday evening; Betty Shaw, Laurel, Friday evening.

Jacksonville SBC Hospital Executive Resigns Position

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — Lawrence Payne, first administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital here and consultant to the board of trustees for Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., has resigned to join a computer firm in Dallas.

Christian Life Meeting

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 Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will discuss the negative aspect of the Playboy philosophy.

Following each of the program periods involving Fletcher and Barnette, Mount and Pinson, and Bond, there will be a period of open discussion for the conference participants to express their views or question the speakers further.

"The seminary will allow the participants to hear widely differing points of view, with full freedom for debate between speakers and ample time for questions and statements from the floor," Valentine said.

The SBC agency leader said the seminar was planned to include two messages from those "with whom we have basic differences." Valentine pointed out that the views of the speakers "are not necessarily those of the Christian Life Commission or of the commission staff."

"In order to understand what God is saying to Christians about morality in 1970, many thoughtful people want to know what those who proclaim 'another morality' are saying," he added. "We need to understand

the heavy pressures and subtle temptations inflicted upon the Christian as he seeks to live his faith in today's world."

He added that the commission is attempting to follow in the seminar the New Testament pattern set by the Apostle Paul when he went to Mars Hill in Athens to confront and challenge the "unknown gods" with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Valentine pointed out that attendance at the seminar is by invitation to those who have attended previous national seminars and to those who have requested invitations, and that the \$20 registration fee will cover the program costs of the seminar, not the SBC Cooperative Program (unified budget).

Nearly 400 persons from almost every Baptist state convention have registered for the seminar. Usually attendance in past seminars has been limited to about 250 persons, but the response for the Atlanta meeting far exceeded previous seminars, Valentine said.

Those who register do so with an understanding of the subjects to be discussed, the kinds of speakers who will participate and the approach to be taken, he added.

Baptist and Reflector Editor James Lester wrote that "despite the rebuttal that 'we want to have a representation of opinion,' this type of approach to a 'problem' isn't calculated to make a lot of churches want to

increase their gifts to the Cooperative Program."

Editor Joe T. Odle in Mississippi wrote that "it appears that the positions held by these men are pretty widely known, so that any informed Baptist can know what they are saying, without our giving them a platform or paying their expenses or an honorarium to say it."

Pastors' Conferences Object

At least two Baptist pastors' conferences in Memphis and Birmingham have reportedly passed resolutions or asked their officers to express opposition to the conference.

In Georgia, where opposition to the seminar seems to be strongest, about 75 persons have written letters to the editor at the Christian Index, Baptist state paper, opposing the seminar.

At least two churches, DePoe Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta, and Woodlawn Baptist Church in Baxley, Ga., have voted to withdraw financial support of the Cooperative Program, citing the seminar as an example of liberalism they oppose in the denomination.

In addition, about 20 churches or their deacons, associational executive committees, or pastors' conferences in Georgia have adopted resolutions criticizing the seminar.

Valentine said since opposition has developed toward the three most controversial speakers that most Baptists have failed to see the perspective of the program for the total seminar.

Of the 15 speakers, 10 of them are Baptists who will outline specific steps Christians should take towards upholding authentic morality, he pointed out.

Each session will begin with a Bible study on the theme, "Seedbed for Authentic Morality," by Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Roger O. Egeberg, assistant secretary for health and scientific affairs, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, will speak on "Population and Public Health."

David Mace, professor at Boman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N. C., will speak on "Sex Education and Moral Values," and Frank Staggs, professor at Southern Seminary, Louisville, will speak on "Authentic Morality and Militarism." Rep. Bond will speak on "The Constructive Uses of Black Power."

Other speakers include Dr. Paul P. Boyer, Southern Baptist minister of education, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; James M. Dunn, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission for Texas Baptists; John R. Claypool, pastor, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville; and Kenneth L. Chaffin, director, evangelism division, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta. The meeting will end with "A Call to Authentic Christian Morality" by Frederick G. Sampson, Negro pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Louisville.

Series Family Life Meetings Underway

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, will conduct a series of family life conferences and revivals with emphasis on the Christian home this spring.

The first was held this week at First Church, Ripley. Rev. Robert Martin, pastor. On March 15-16 he will be at Clarke Venable Church, Decatur, Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor, and March 22-23 he will conduct revival services at First Church, Ocean Springs, Rev. Paul Aultman, pastor.

April engagements include revival at Parsons, Tennessee, Rev. Paul Shell, pastor; First, Raleigh, 12-15, Rev. Harry Booth, pastor; First, Macon, 19-22, Rev. Wm. Allen Webb, pastor; 26-28, Star Church, Rev. A. J. Pace, pastor.

The May series will include First Church, Quitman, 3-6, Rev. Jackie Hamilton, pastor; Moorhead, 10-13, Rev. Granville Watson, pastor; Oakland Heights, Meridian, 17-20, Rev. John Booth, pastor; and Bruce, 24-27, Rev. G. A. McCoy, pastor.

"This series of conferences and revival emphasizes logically follow our State Family Life Conference held recently," Dr. Hensley stated. More churches than ever before are planning Christian Home emphasis this spring. Some are using outside resource people and others are conducting their own programs, using local resource people.

Already there have been a number of requests for the resource material package Dr. Joe T. Odle mentioned in his editorial in last week's issue of the Baptist Record.

Family Life Conference At Clarke-Venable

Dr. J. Clark Hensley will lead the Family Life Conference at the Clarke-Venable Church of Decatur from March 15-16. The theme for the conference is "The Family in a Changing Society." There will be age group conference from Sunday Morning through Wednesday Evening.

Dr. Hensley is the Executive Director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and will lead the Youth Conferences on Sunday, and the Adults from Monday through Wednesday at 7 o'clock each evening. On Monday and Tuesday evening Rev. Ferrell Cork, pastor of Union First Baptist Church, will lead the youth conference, Norvin Forester, youth director of Union, will lead the Junior Conference; and Mrs. Cliff Estes of Calvary Church will lead the Primary-Kindergarten Conference.

There will be a noonday luncheon on Monday for those in the "Autumn Years." Dr. Hensley will speak on the challenge and opportunities of retirement.

Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor of Clarke Venable Church, believes that "insights gained in family relationships and the changes that are taking place in every home shall help every individual who participates to better understand himself, his relationship to others, and God's plan for his own life."

Revival Dates



Oak Grove, Meridian: March 16-22; Rev. J. E. Albritton, pastor of First Church, Crowley, La., evangelist; Dennis McCoy of Oakland Heights Church, Meridian, will lead the music; services daily at 10 A.M. (except Saturday) and 7:30 p.m.

New Hope (Shannon): March 18-22; services at 7 p.m. during the week, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday; Rev. Paul Roberts, Siloam Church, Simpson County, evangelist; Rev. Johnnie E. Bridges, pastor.

Big Ridge Church, North Biloxi: March 18-22; at 7:15 each night; Rev. James Wright, pastor Gulf Gardens Church, Gulfport, evangelist; Grant Shipp, minister of music, Big Ridge, will conduct the music; Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, pastor.

Edin Church: March 18-20; Dr. Thomas D. Lee, left, pastor, Liberty Church, Appomattox, Virginia (from Columbus, Miss.), evangelist; Joel Richardson, right, senior at Belhaven College, Jackson, from Rolling Fork, revival singer; Rev. Fisher Humphreys, pastor.



Colonial Heights, Jackson: March 18-20; Rev. Dan Cameron, pastor, First Church, Pampa, Texas, evangelist; Tom Lawrence, minister of music at Colonial Heights, in charge of music; services mornings at 7 and evenings at 7:30; Rev. S. B. Mason, Jr., pastor.



Myrick Church, Laurel: March 18-22; services at 7 p.m.; Rev. Glen Savell, pictured, of Springville, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. Richard White, pastor.

Calvary Church, Belton: March 18-22; services nightly at 7:30; Rev. Sam Dees, Hollandale, music director.

South Side, Meridian: March 15-20; Dr. John McCall, pastor, First Church, Vicksburg, evangelist; Billy Jack Green, minister of music at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, leader; 7:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Robert L. Sheffield, pastor.

Star Church: March 15-20; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. A. J. Pace, pastor; Rev. Marion Gray, pictured, evangelist.

(An Adult Banquet will be held Friday night, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. as a climax to the five-week revival preparation. Inactive deacons and their wives are in charge of the banquet. Evangelist Gray, a native Rankin County and a former member of Star Church, will be guest speaker at the banquet. Mr. Gray's parents and two sisters live in Star and are members of the Star Church. Mr. Gray has been active in the pastorate for about 12 years, all in north Mississippi; he is married to the former Louise Thurg of Florence. They have five children).

Rephah Church, Silver Creek: Rev. Sam Croel, Bunker Hill Church, evangelist; Rev. James E. Messer, pastor; services on the 15th at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (no night service on that date) and dinner on the grounds during the week at 7:30 nightly. On March 21, the service will feature the Billy Graham film, "His Land."

Macdonia (Shannon): March 18-22; Rev. Judd Allen, associate, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, evangelist (Mr. Allen is interim pastor at the church); Tommy Echols, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Byram Church, Route 5, Jackson: March 18-22; Rev. Carl Barnes, pictured, pastor, Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg, evangelist; Paul Bell, music director of Byram Church, and leader; services each night at 7:30 and Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Rev. Henry J. Barnett, pastor.



FIRST CHURCH, GULFPORT, recently broke ground for two additions to its complex in downtown Gulfport. Holding the shovel is Wayne Amis, chairman of deacons.

Dr. John Traylor, pastor, stands at center. George Estes, Jr., building committee chairman is second from right.

1st, Gulfport Breaks Ground For Expansion

First Church, Gulfport broke ground Sunday morning, March 1, for two additions to its complex in downtown Gulfport, one of which will replace the old sanctuary which was destroyed by fire last year.

In ceremonies following the morning worship service, Wayne Amis, chairman of deacons, turned the first spadeful of earth on the site of the former sanctuary.

Also taking part in the ceremony were Dr. John Traylor, pastor, George Estes, Jr., building committee chair-

man, Mayor Philip W. Shaw and Commissioner Charles Walker.

The half-million dollar addition, expected to be completed in the fall of this year, features a chapel with seating for about 250 persons, a parlor, additional office space and a small kitchen. These will be used for weddings, funerals and organizational meetings.

The other section, to be located at the opposite corner of the block occupied by the church, to the rear of the new sanctuary on East Beach, will

house classrooms for seven additional Sunday school departments.

L. A. Easterling is general contractor and Lloyd Grace is the architect.

Building Committee members are George Estes, Jr., Chairman; E. W. Estes, Vice Chairman; Jack Ballard, Charles Berry, Mrs. Rothell Blackledge, O. H. urns, Clifford Smith Mrs. J. R. Thomas, J. L. Weldy, and Mrs. Liddell White.

Total cost of buildings and furnishings will be approximately \$670,000. The contract for the building alone is \$411,818.

Village Makes Annual Easter Appeal

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 It will not be possible for the boys and girls to visit off the campus on the Easter weekend this year, as some of them have done from time to time in the past, but that the need

SBC Silent Majority --

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 opposition in opposition to the second term of Dr. Criswell. We continue to hear from this noisy minority.

With no desire to form another organization with elected officials, we are determined to put up our flags for the trustworthiness of the Holy Scriptures. We want Southern Baptist liberals to know what there is a limit to our patience. We are, therefore, breaking our silence.

We are inviting members of the silent majority of Southern Baptists to participate in a Bible rally on Saturday afternoon and evening May 30 at the 1,150-capacity First Southern Baptist Auditorium, 16th and Pearl, Denver, Colo., just prior to the 1970 Southern Baptist Convention. The WMU and Pastors' Conference begins Sunday afternoon, May 31. The Saturday conference will not conflict with any other meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

An outstanding program has been planned for this occasion. Speakers for the Bible conference are well known, learned and denominationally

for clothing help as a part of this campaign is perhaps greater than ever.

Mr. Nunnery has emphasized that while gifts of new clothing either purchased by or made by individual friends of the children are welcomed and appreciated, the wholesome, built buying power of the child care agency renders the cash gift the most useful and the most effective response to this appeal.

Mr. Nunnery also stated that in the case of boys, cash gifts were almost essential because of difficulties experienced in properly fitting boys for clothing through correspondence with out-of-town friends of the Village.

The 1970 announcement has suggested cash responses to this appeal in the following amounts: \$25.00 for children less than 10 years of age; \$35.00 for children from 10 to 14 years of

age; \$45.00 for children of high school age above 14 years; and \$55.00 for children who are in college.

Interested friends may contact the Village at P. O. Box 11368, Delta Station, Jackson, Mississippi 39213 or by telephoning Jackson, 922-2242, collect.

Village authorities report that interest in and response to the Easter appeal by individual friends of the children has become an annual and growing trend. The agency now depends entirely upon this campaign to underwrite its clothing and shoe budget for the entire year and for the average of 700 different boys and girls who come under care at the Village in each year.

Ridgeland (Madison): youth-led revival; March 15-22; services nightly at 7; Rev. Gary Googe, Mississippi College student, evangelist; special youth activities planned; Rev. Lynton Younger, pastor.

Additional Leaders Are Named For Hospital Drive

Henry Holman and Yandell Wideman have been named chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, of the



Mr. Holman

Development Fund for the \$2,000,000 fund drive beginning April 1. For a new Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

Their appointments were announced today by Baxter Wilson, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Mississippi Power & Light Company, chairman of the fund drive, and by R. B. Lampton, president of First National Bank of Jackson, vice-chairman of the fund drive.

Holman is president of McCarty-Holman Co., Inc., Jackson. Jitney Jungles Stores, Inc., and allied companies. Wideman is president of Citizens National Bank of Jackson.

The hospital's board, in January, announced plans to build a 600-bed, \$25,000,000 hospital on the northwest corner of the intersection of North State and Main streets, diagonally across the street from the present 400-bed hospital, which will be transformed into an extended-care facility, making a total complex of some 1000 beds.

"We will, within the next few days," said Holman and Wideman, "announce chairmen and vice-chairmen for the various committees which will work with the Development Fund and with the Development Council in the upcoming fund drive, which will officially begin on April 1."

Holman is active in the Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Standard Life Insurance Co., United Givers Fund, Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Boys Club of Jackson, Mississippi Economic Council, Rotary Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

He has served on numerous fund drives and membership drives, and his work with the United Givers Fund dates back to 1955, with increasing responsibilities each year culminating in his election as U. G. F. president this year.

He is a member of the Mississippi Retail Merchants Association, National Association of Food Chains, Supermarket Institute and Jitney Jungle Operators Association.

He is a member of the First Christian Church of Jackson and served as chairman of the board in 1969.

He has served on the United Givers Fund Drive, American Red Cross drive, St. Dominic Hospital building fund and Y. M. C. A. capital funds drive.

He has practiced law in Jackson and has served as president of the Wideman Investment Co. He has represented First National Bank of Memphis in the investment field in Mississippi.

He is a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral.

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Guest Editorial

Another Gospel

L. Nelson Bell
in Christianity Today

A letter from a Chinese Christian — a one-time ardent Buddhist who is now professor at a graduate school here in America — expresses concern over whether the Church will remain Christian or settle for Confucian ethics and a non-Christian form of religion. I share deeply in this concern.

The danger that now threatens the Church is compounded of a number of things, such as the present emphasis on "involvement," the mirage of trying to make the Gospel "relevant" to the world, the confusion in the minds of many about the biblical meaning of "reconciliation," and the shift from God's message for the spiritually impoverished to one that seems so often concerned about man's body alone. All these have caused untold confusion in both the Church and the unbelieving world, with tragic results.

The first result is the loss of the very heart of the Gospel: "... that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures" (I Cor. 15: 3, 4).

Another Gospel

Let this be clear: If these truths are not believed and preached, the "Christian minister" has no Gospel to preach and what he preaches is "another gospel." Harsh words? True words, and in this truth lies one of the grave dangers facing the Church.

Another danger is the urge toward entanglement in many secular movements unconnected with spiritual work of the Church. Many programs that the Church is promoting rise no higher than those of socially oriented and motivated secular organizations that are honestly trying to do good in their communities.

Relevant

The word relevant has become sacrosanct today. We are told we must make Christianity relevant to the world in which we live. But what we often see are attempts to make the world relevant to the Church so that the Church refrains from convicting the world of sin.

As for "reconciliation" (a popular theme of the day), only too often we find this used to mean the reconciliation of sinners with sinners, rather than the vitally necessary reconciliation of man with God through the death and resurrection of his Son.

Another grave danger is the misplaced emphasis on "poverty." While it is the Christian's duty and privilege to help care for the needy, the Church alone has the message to relieve spiritual poverty. We must not forget that the world's basic problem is poverty of the soul. All around us we see materially prosperous persons who are desperately poor in things of the spirit. They know neither God nor his Christ and are ensnared in the sins of the flesh without knowing that Christ came to deliver them from their desperate plight and to make them rich in him.

Guard The Truth

In the second of Paul's letters to his spiritual child, Timothy, it is obvious that Timothy had become fearful because of the opposition he was finding to his message there in Ephesus. In his letter the Apostle Paul makes it plain that to witness faithfully for Jesus Christ will mean suffering for that witness. Paul emphasizes the necessity of sticking with the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us" (1:14); "what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to

faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2:2).

The Apostle Paul was deeply concerned about the content of the Christian faith. The Gospel he preached was a direct revelation from Jesus Christ (Gal. 1:11, 12), and he urged Timothy to stick to that Gospel, regardless of the consequences.

From the emphases of many in the Church today the unbelieving world would never guess that the church's central message has to do with sin — the fact of sin, its nature, and its effect — and with God's plan of redemption through the atoning death of his Son. In fact (and I say this in love), much that is being offered the world in the name of "Christianity" is little more than a system of ethics. At its heart is humanism, with its emphasis on the welfare of the body and all its secularistic and materialistic concepts that ignore sin, the soul, and eternity.

The Apostle Paul warned Timothy not to change his message in the face of rejection but to "preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths" (II Tim. 4: 2-4).

Grave Danger

The Church is in grave danger because its message is increasingly world-centered and man-centered. Many in the Church are willing to stress the compassion of our Lord for the material woes of mankind but unwilling to teach that his life, death, and resurrection had primarily to do with redemption from sin and with the result of that redemption — eternal life.

The Apostle Paul found himself in the midst of great wickedness in Corinth. Knowledge and art prospered, but there, as in America today, people were wallowing in the sins of the flesh. Paul knew there was but one answer, one message: "When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (I Cor. 2:1,2).

Our Commission

"Jesus Christ and him crucified" is not at the center of the Church's message today. There has emerged "Another Gospel," and it is playing havoc with the God-given task of leading sinners to repentance and to faith in Jesus Christ.

To the Church has been committed the preaching of the Gospel of redemption from sin and the building up of the saints in spiritual knowledge and in practical Christian living. Christians must be shining lights, reflecting the glory of their Saviour in compassion and love for those about them. The hungry must be fed and the thirsty given drink as opportunity arises. There must be response to the needs of the stranger, the naked, and the sick. Visiting those in prison is a part of the Christian's obligation. Yet all this is geared to a higher end than the immediate needs of mankind. We must above all witness to him who is the Bread of life, the One who ministered and suffered and died and who arose triumphantly from the grave.

Unless everything we do is to glorify Christ, then we too are preaching and living "another gospel" — and the end thereof is death. — Used by permission.

"QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

THE INQUIRING reader has probably already noted that many of the ideas of the self-help groups are closely related to biblical concepts. The same principles—congeniality, admission of failure, cutting away excuses, and lay leadership—are certainly obvious in the New Testament.—John Hendrix in "On Becoming a Group," Broadman Press.

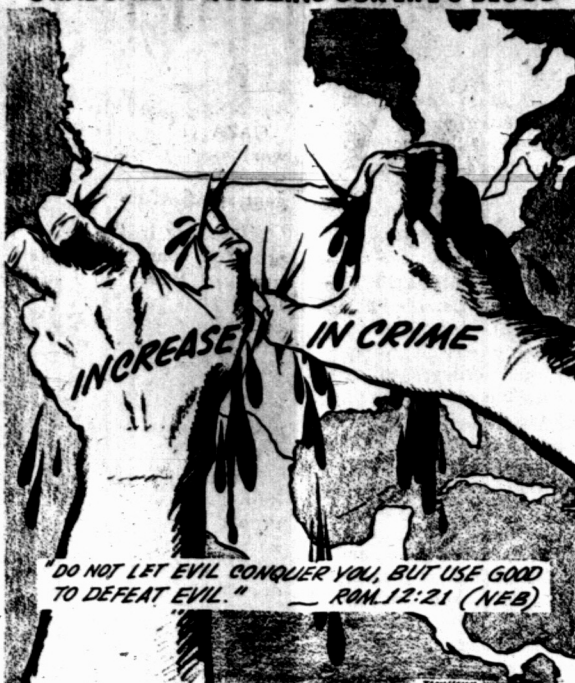
IT IS IMPORTANT for a history to be written in order that the members who have not been affiliated with a church from its beginning may know something of the difficulties that have been faced, the obstacles that have been overcome, and the victories that have been won.—Davis C. Woolley in "Guide for Writing the History of a Church," Broadman Press.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

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Thursday, March 12, 1970

GRADUALLY SQUEEZING OUR LIFE'S BLOOD



THE BAPTIST FORUM

Defends College Trustee Action On Compliance

Dear Dr. Odle,

There have been several letters published in the Baptist Record which were critical of the action taken by the trustees of our schools and of our hospital since our last State Convention. All of these letters had one thing in common. They were completely in error when they stated that we have operated these schools without Federal funds for over one hundred years. Both the G. I. Bill and Federal insured loans have been used for many years.

The G. I. Bill which permits one who has served his country to continue his education after his discharge has been a part of Miss. College's heritage since World War II. In 1958 there were two totally disabled Veterans attending Miss. College. Both of these men were confined to Wheel Chairs. Some of the classes were moved to the ground floor of the buildings so these students would be permitted to enroll in these classes. When the trustees postponed action on signing the "assurance of Compliance" because of the pressure of the Convention, another disabled student had to attend another school in order to qualify for the G. I. Bill, and no veteran could attend Miss. College on the G. I. Bill.

Since our Trustees signed the Compliance pledge, 177 G. I.'s are presently attending Miss. College. Eighteen of these are war orphans, young people whose fathers have given their lives in the service of our Country and some would be so callous as to say we do not want these young people to get their training in a Christian college for fear that the money, through the G. I. Bill will corrupt the school.

One hundred students have qualified for Federally insured loans which are available to deserving students who would not be financially able to attend school and would not be able to borrow the money from other sources because they do not have anything to guarantee repayment of the loan except a good mind, and a strong determination to achieve a worthwhile goal. Unfortunately these are not considered as sufficient collateral by many in the banking business.

It is the hope of the Administration of the College that \$500,000.00 will be available to the students in 1970 through these Federally insured loans and Federal grants to students entering certain professional fields where there is a shortage of trained personnel. As I understood the information which I received from Miss. College, this does not include students on the G. I. Bill, which at the current enrollment, is approximately \$220,000 per year.

Many people have violently opposed the acceptance of these funds but not one has offered a suggestion for providing funds for these students if the Trustees did rescind their action. It is true, as stated by the men of the Cascilla Baptist Church that there is more money than ever before. But that money is not reaching the Churches nor is it reaching the State Convention for distribution to the schools and other Agencies. The offerings to the State Convention were down some last year and this is perhaps a reflection of the opposition to the action of the Trustees and an effort by the Churches to make the College conform to their desires. However, if he administration is interested in providing quality education and since less than twenty percent of the operating capital of the School comes from the

Churches, it is entirely possible that they will look in other directions for funds to operate the school. Higher tuition is one possibility and this has increased threefold since 1958 and has made it increasingly difficult for many to attend or for some alumni to send their children to their Alma Mater. Smaller salaries for the Faculty is another possibility and some have already turned down lucrative offers from other schools, and some competent instructors from other schools have refused the best offer Miss. College can make because they are drawing larger salaries where they are.

Quality education, such as Miss. College offers, costs money. Our Trustees recognize that; too many of our Churches do not. Until we are willing to meet our financial obligations to God and to our fellowman we will continue to be plagued by the cries of our School Administration, our Baptist Hospital Administration, our Missionaries on home and foreign fields and we will continue to have a shortage of dedicated personnel to lead us in the future. It is interesting to see that with an additional offering of three cents per member per Sunday or \$1.50 per year by each of the 523,615 Baptists (1968 annual) we could send \$750,000 per year to Miss. College and drop the Federal Funds!

I have written this letter in the interest of the continued growth of Miss. College through the dedicated leadership of our President and the Board of Trustees—and assure them of my prayers and support as they make the decisions which they feel are best for the School.

Ken Pickens
First Baptist Church
Vardaman, Miss.

Opposes Building New Hospital In Jackson

Mr. Editor,—

Through the columns of the Record I would like to offer my opposition to the proposed building of another Hospital in Jackson, where we have a fine institution now in service.

In my opinion the building of another hospital there would be a very selfish move disregarding the Baptist in other areas of the State, and I refer specifically to Natchez and surrounding areas.

We here are in desperate need of hospital offering good services to all people, and there are sixteen Baptist Churches in this area. Why discriminate? I deeply resent the selfish move.

After fifty years I am a Baptist
Thomas Templeton
Natchez, Mississippi

(EDITOR'S NOTE) Very little convention money goes into such institutions as the proposed new Jackson hospital building. Most of the money will come from local supporters and from those who use the hospital. Jackson has become a medical center for the whole state, and Baptist Hospital simply has outgrown its present facilities. Hospital building experts have told the Board and administration that if they are to keep up in the demands for their ministry to the whole state of Mississippi, they must erect this new building. It is neither selfishness nor discrimination which causes them to build, since patients from all over the state will be treated here. Perhaps the Baptists of the Natchez area could join with other people there in seeking to provide similar new facilities.)



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. It makes no difference what my spiritual need or my emotional need is, I shall not lack for its filling. There are bound to come to my human heart desires for tangible things which will never belong to me. There may even come times when food and clothes may be scarce. Still, I shall not want. If I will hear His voice and listen to it. Maybe when it seems that I want, that is the reason — I did not hear His voice and listen. Or, maybe I heard his voice but did not listen.

Some years ago at our house, we decided our secondborn, Frank, could not hear, for we had to repeat practically everything we said to him. The problem proved not to be just a phase he was struggling through, so we finally made an appointment for a hearing test.

The nurse placed Frank in the audio booth, adjusted the ear phones, gave him instructions, and proceeded with the testing. While I stood outside and watched, my mother — heart was way ahead, sad that Frank would miss all the lovely sounds of the world, projecting our family into the World of Frank's Deafness. Having

stealed myself for the worst, I was little short of amazed as I listened, open-mouthed, to the report that Frank had performed nearly perfectly on the hearing test.

Armed with this news we went home, and family discussion led to the conclusion that Frank was not hard of hearing but hard of listening. His hearing ability was not impaired, but his listening ability was either drastically under-developed or severely impaired.

God's child needs to be sure she is not hard of listening. She must hear the Shepherd's voice and listen to what He says with His voice. All that God says — through His Word, through His Son, through His Holy Spirit — is true and right.

It must be that my listening is impaired if I cannot understand Him. Probably the impairments to my listening are stubbornness, selfishness, a closed mind. Maybe I listen to God with as little desire to hear as our teen-ager has when he listens to us explain why he cannot drive the car before he is old enough for a license. I wonder if God has the same year to shake me by the shoulders as I have to shake our boy.

NEWEST BOOKS

COMMUNION MEDITATIONS & PRAYERS by J. Harold Gwynne (Zondervan, 103 pp., \$2.95).

A Presbyterian pastor presents 25 of the devotional messages which he has used at communion services over a long ministry. The messages deal with Christ himself, the cross, the blood, and other truths related to the observance of the memorial supper.

MIRACLE OF TIME by Eric W. Hayden (Zondervan, 123 pp., \$2.95).

An English Baptist pastor presents a collection of sermons preached at the Easter tide period. The book is divided into four sections, the last being an "epilogue" dealing with the life beyond and the love required, so the first three parts seem to be three different series of sermons. The first has four messages dealing with the eight stages to the cross. The second has four messages dealing with four questions which were asked before the cross, and the third deals with the seven cries from the cross. These are warm-hearted messages presented much as they were delivered by an earnest student of the Word.

LINDY, MY RETARDED CHILD by Jean C. Higgins (Judson Press, paperback, 64 pp., \$1.50).

Not only will families with retarded children be helped to understand their own feelings through these poems, but all readers will appreciate the sensitivity of expression and the triumph of faith found here.

IS LIFE REALLY WORTH LIVING? by David Hubbard (Gospel Light, paperback, 163 pp., 95 cents).

With precision and power Dr. Hubbard points out answers to ten of life's toughest and most searching questions. (He is president of Fuller Theological Seminary in California, and is professor of Old Testament.)

GOD IS HERE, LET'S CELEBRATE! by Leslie F. Brandt (Concordia, paperback, \$1.75, 58 pp.).

In these 39 free-verse prayers, the author is translating the praises of the ancient psalmist into the rejoicings of 20th century man. He is saying, "God is here! He is present in the midst of adversities. . . in the midst of richness and joys. . . Let's celebrate His strengthening presence. Let's celebrate His majesty and power." The prayers are based on specific psalms.

CONQUEST OF INNER SPACE by Lambert T. Dolphin, Jr. (Good News "One Evening" Condensed Book, 64 pp., paperback, 50 cents).

This little book is "a potpourri of short articles on scientific subjects and the Bible" originally written for Vision magazine, the monthly publication of the National Educator's Fellowship.

LIFE BEGINS AT DEATH by Leslie D. Weatherhead (Abingdon, 80 pp., paper, \$1.25).

A conversation with a great English preacher in which a group of friends ask questions about life after death, and this former pastor of London's City Temple answered the questions and discussed the problems. The conversations were taken down by tape recorder and edited for publication. Among the matters discussed was proof of survival, what life is like after death, how to prepare ourselves, and what will happen if we are not Christians. Conservatives will not agree with all of Dr. Weatherhead's answers, but there is interesting discussion here.

A HANDFUL OF DOMINOES by James L. Johnson (J. B. Lippincott, 222 pp., \$4.95).

Those who have read the first two in the series will know that this third of the Code Name Sebastian Adventures is some of the most powerfully written Christian fiction available today. On the deadly side of the Berlin wall, Sebastian gets caught in the Cold War. The author didn't have to

invent the drama of the setting, for it was already there. The characters, the tension, the breath-holding escape attempts are as real as today's headlines. The author is Executive Secretary of Evangelical Literature Overseas, Wheaton, Illinois.

REVELATION AND INSPIRATION by James Orr (Baker, 224 pp., paper, \$2.95).

Reprint of a book originally published in 1910. The author was one of the great theologians of the early part of this century, and in this book he presents various facets of the inspiration of God in the Bible.

YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL by J. Wright Pentecost (Zondervan, 191 pp., \$4.95).

Twenty chapters which give a thorough study of Satan. The author deals with his origin, his position, his character, his work and his destiny. The twenty chapters provided a thorough and satisfying study of the Bible teaching concerning the Devil.

EDUCATION WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

Biggest Threat

The principal threat to the integrity of United States colleges and universities lies not in radical school activism, faculty dissent, the fragmentation of specialization, the threat of government control, or even the lack of money, said Dr. John H. Fisher of Columbia University's Teachers College to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools recently.

"The most serious problem our institutions face," he said, "arises not from outside troublemakers, but from uncertainty about institutional goals. Without reasonable agreement on purposes, it becomes impossible to order priorities, to project programs, or to marshal resources with either effect or efficiency."

For the past two decades most of our institutions, even some of the weakest, have been swept along by a rising tide of support for education. Buoyed up by the "national faith in education," we have assumed that whatever was done in the name of education would be accepted in the faith.

But now a current of criticism, disillusionment, and dissatisfaction is running. There is impressive evidence that large numbers of thoughtful Americans are disappointed in the educational enterprise upon which they depend so heavily.

To meet this challenge, Mr. Fisher believes educational institutions must:

- (1) Become more truly educational.
- (2) Become more responsive to national needs.
- (3) Devise more satisfactory systems of internal governance.

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Hospital Conducting Pastoral Care Seminar

A pastoral-care seminar for pastors and denominational workers is being held at Mississippi Baptist Hospital March 10 - through April 28, according to Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator.

The seminar is conducted by the hospital's department of pastoral care, under Rev. Gordon Shamburger, hospital chaplain, who said a second seminar already is being planned for the summer.

Seminar sessions will be held each Tuesday afternoon for a period of eight weeks. Each session will last four and one-half hours.

He said the schedule will include periods on personality understanding and development, supervised patient visitation, and orientation on hospital procedures, as well as "an opportunity to develop inter-personal relationships with other para-medical personnel."

The seminar also will require assigned areas of reading and verbal reports. Anyone interested, write to Chaplain Gordon Shamburger, care of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, 1190 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi.



Nurses Club Officers Get Ready For Special Day

NURSES CLUB OFFICERS PREPARE FOR PRENURSING DAY ON MARCH 14 AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE — Officers for the 1969 - 70 session of the Nurses Club at Mississippi College are—(from the left) Judy Spears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Spears of Crystal Springs, Secretary; Darlene Kilgore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kilgore of Hazlehurst, President; Donna James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. James of Puckett, Reporter; and Sue Shoemaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Shoemaker, of 21380 Oakhurst Drive, Jackson, Vice-President. Looking on as the girls prepare mailouts for Pre-Nursing Day is Mrs. Joyce Gray, Secretary for the School of Nursing. A full day of activities is planned and all juniors and seniors interested in nursing as a career are invited to attend. (M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)

Mrs. Outlaw Dies At Blue Mountain

Mrs. A. F. Outlaw, the former Margaret Hutchins, died suddenly in her sleep at the Hutchins residence of Blue Mountain, March 2. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hutchins.

Mrs. Outlaw, 81, was born November 28, 1889. She was an alumna of Blue Mountain College, having graduated in 1907.

Mrs. Outlaw, affectionately known by scores of close friends as "Miss Mag," was a successful teacher in some of the public schools of north Mississippi, and was active in church and civic organizations. She faithfully attended all Blue Mountain College Alumnae Meetings.

She was a member of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, Blue Mountain. For many years her husband was professor of Mathematics at Mississippi Heights Academy in Blue Mountain and she and her husband were host and hostess for one of the Heights Boarding Houses.

Although the late A. F. Outlaw served for many years as a Mississippi State Highway official, and he and his wife lived for a time in Jackson, they remained two of Blue Mountain's most ardent supporters.

Blue Mountain College officials and students of its history can never be thought of separately from the Hutchins family, because since its very early days, a member of the Hutchins family has taught there. Mrs. Outlaw's aunt taught at Blue Mountain many years; a sister taught Latin and French there for a long time; and another sister is still professor of Spanish.

Mrs. Outlaw is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Trantanello of Riverdale, Illinois; one grandson, Richard Grant; one great-grandson; two sisters, Miss Bess Hutchins of the Blue Mountain College faculty and Mrs. J. L. Jones of Monroe, La.

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Attention Music Directors!

Tips On State Junior Choral Festival Music

Due to the difficulty many directors have expressed concerning the learning of all the carols in "A Festival of Carols," Graham Smith, Coordinator for the Festival, suggests that the directors work mainly on the following carols in the collection:

- "A Carol For Advent"
- "A CAROL FOR Lent"
- "A Carol for Easter"
- "A Carol for Spring"

These do not have to be memorized, but the juniors need to be thoroughly familiar with them. We would encourage them to bring the music to the festival.

Regarding the "light" number, some have been unable to purchase copies of the SA arrangement of "Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang." We would suggest that the director purchase the sheet music of this number and teach the music from that.

Regardless of any difficulty you may have with the music, we urge you to bring your juniors to the festival on April 11.

State Music Tournament, William Carey College

Judges' Trophy Winners

Voice (A tie)



Sharon Langworthy
First, Purvis



Lanell Lucious
Broadmoor, Jackson

Piano



Kaye Batson
First, Crystal Springs

Honorable Mention:

Voice: Diane Foust, North Oxford Baptist
Voice: Clay Moore, Sardis Baptist
Piano: Marianna Kennedy, North Greenwood Baptist
Piano: Jan Hannaford, First, Moss Point
Piano: Hank Wilkinson, Friendship, McComb

The Edge Of War In Gaza: Unorganized Frustration

By Anne Nicholas
SBC Missionary To Gaza
GAZA (BP)—Being on the edge of war, but not actively involved in it, sometimes it seems that war is unorganized frustration.

It is being free to travel across the pre-1967 boundaries right into the heart of Israel, to Haifa, Eshkelon, Beersheba, and being stopped at every checkpoint and questioned about our Gaza car.

It's driving in slow traffic while everyone in the neighboring cars turns around to stare until we are out of sight.

It's having Israeli policemen break into our parked car to check for hand grenades and explosives. It is rushing out of the stores in mid-afternoon in order to get back into Gaza before dark.

Tonight, it is going to Tel Aviv, to the American school, to bring our daughter Carol home for a weekend, and coming back to Gaza to find the border closed. There are four of us—my two daughters, Joy and Carol, and a co-worker, Ann Dwyer.

"No, sorry, you can't go through," we are told. "No sorry, it's my orders; nobody goes on this road tonight."

We point out we are not Arabs; we are all Americans.

"No, sorry. No, sorry, sorry," we are told.

We decide to try the other road into Gaza from Beersheba. I don't know the way and it's getting dark now. I can't possibly get in before the roads

get dangerous, but I try. The guns and big military equipment frighten Joy. She is crying on Carol's shoulder.

It's 30 kilometers farther and my gas supply is so low I don't dare waste any looking for the road, for it's the Sabbath in Israel and nothing is open. After another 30 minutes we're driving all around the Gaza strip to approach it from the east.

"No, sorry. No, sorry, wait."

to escort you through the danger area.

"I'm thinking about my husband at home wondering why we're so late. I beg them to let us go on through. We're less than 10 minutes from the hospital and home, but..."

"No, sorry, wait."
So we wait nearly an hour until a half-track finally arrives. The soldiers jump off for a few minutes of rest; then we get ready to go.

They test their automatic firing equipment before they start. Joy begins to cry again.

One soldier takes his place at the wheel. Another stands on top holding his submachine gun in firing position. A third mans the power spotlight with which he illuminates each side of the road in turn. Finally we are ready.

Slowly, slowly, we move along as the soldiers carefully scan the trees and buildings we pass. Behind us come three more civilian cars and then one more protecting military vehicle. And at last we're home. Two hours we've been skirting the border and arguing with guards.

Wherever we drive in Israel we see truckloads of young Jewish soldiers — boys of 18 or 20, young like my son — always with their guns ready. Tomorrow they'll be at the Suez Canal or the Golan Heights or dodging grenades in occupied Arab territory.

Coming back across the line into our Arab world, our hearts bleed again for our young Arab friends. No guns, but also no jobs, no colleges, no futures. Only despair and frustration. For the war is more than killing; it's wishing always for normality and knowing it won't come.

And for us in Gaza, we who seem to live with our feet in Israel and our hearts in the Arab world, it's feeling the heartbreak of the young on both sides who bear the burden of a nearly unsolvable conflict.

Gaza Baptist Library Serving More Readers

Three months after its formal opening, the Baptist library in Gaza is serving an increasing number of people who come to read and study there.

By early February the library had issued 124 membership cards enabling readers to borrow books.

In the past almost anyone in Gaza who wanted a Bible, New Testament or one of the Gospels came to the Baptist hospital. The new library will have these items plus Christian novels and other Christian literature.

A librarian will be on hand to counsel with those seeking further information, and a correspondence course on the life of Christ and the book of Acts will be advertised through the Baptist study center.

"The Center of Culture and Light" was opened last fall by the Gaza Baptist Mission. It is located on Gaza City's main street near several schools and consists of three reading rooms, a classroom, and a large central room containing books and magazines.

In recent years books have been relatively unavailable to the public in Gaza, even for purchasing. The Baptist study center, therefore, was planned as a general library to provide various materials for reference and study as well as general reading. Wait a half hour for an army car

Assembly Study Committee Meets At Gulfshore

The Assembly Study Committee, appointed by the Convention Board last November, held its initial meeting last week on the grounds of the Gulfshore Assembly.

The purpose of the session was fully to acquaint members of the committee with the extent of hurricane damage and the status of the property at the present time.

Following a first hand survey, the group will begin its work in seeking to formulate some kind of recommendation concerning the future of the Convention's assembly program, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary.

Members of the committee are: Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian, chairman; Rev. Dan Morton, Amory; James N. Roberts, Oxford; Ralph Reeves, McComb, and Dr. Gail DeBord, Long Beach.

The first Greek New Testament to be printed was the Complutensian Polyglot in 1514. — Volume 8 of "The Broadman Bible Commentary."

Brotherhood

Man And Boy Rallies

Frank Lawton of the Brotherhood Commission will direct the special Royal Ambassador emphasis for the Man and Boy Rallies meeting at Crystal Springs, Meridian, and Tupelo.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING PLACES:

- March 20 First Baptist Church, Wiggins
- March 27 First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs
- April 3 State Boulevard Baptist Church, Meridian
- April 10 East Heights Baptist Church, Tupelo
- April 17 Moorhead Baptist Church, Moorhead

Reservations are to be made with the host church by sending \$1.25 (per person) for those planning to eat the supper meal. Registration will begin at 4:30 p. m.

After 28 Years

Hazel Chisholm Retires From The Organ At First Baptist Church, Jackson

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"This red rose represents our love for you," Pastor Larry Rohrman remarked as he handed the flower to the slender, brown-haired lady. It was Sunday, March 1, Hazel Chisholm Day at First Baptist Church, Jackson.

After almost 28 years as their organist, Miss Chisholm had decided to retire, and had played her "last service" the Sunday before.

At First Church, she worked in cooperation with three different pastors (Hewitt, Hudgins, Rohrman) and probably has served longer than any pastor or staff member of the church. Besides the regular worship services, she has played for countless weddings, funerals, assemblies, conferences, and concerts.

A whole basketful of roses followed the one large one, as a gift from the church. In addition, church friends presented her with a gold charm bracelet: a music note from the Hudgins family; a telephone (it really dials) from the church staff; wedding bells from the "bridegrooms," given by a couple for whose wedding she played; a music note etched on a gold medallion, from the church choir; the engraved figure of a child, from the children of the church; a miniature piano, from the WMU; a little church "with real glass windows," from the whole church; a gold map of Mississippi, from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; an initialled gold disk, from the Hewitt family; and engraved "praying hands" from Dr. Chester Swor.

"I'll have to learn to sleep in the bracelet, for I want to wear it all the time!" Hazel exclaimed in her own enthusiastic way. "I think it's just lovely, and a very significant gift." A smile lighted her blue eyes.

Every year for almost thirty years she has played the organ during sessions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention at First Church, Jackson. On Hazel Chisholm Day, the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board presented to her a "Resolution of Appreciation," in gratitude for her contribution to the work of Mississippi Baptists.

What does she plan to do now? "Just the same things I've been doing, except I won't be organist at First Church."

In her second-story apartment on Quinn Street near Belhaven College she can sleep late now if she chooses. Or she can read—which she loves to do. Or she can play her piano (over it hangs Elsie Mangum's unusual painting of a music score, a Gregorian chant). Or she can cook. (She says she really isn't a cook, though once she was written up in the newspaper as "Cook of the Week." For that feature, she gave some of her grand-mother's recipes. Shortly thereafter, someone indignantly asked what in the world that stuff was supposed to be.) Or she can become a gardener. (At present, her living room is filled with flowers sent her on Hazel Chisholm Day. Among them are tulips, chrysanthemums, and hyacinths, which she plans to reset outdoors. In fact, her yard is an idea spot for gardening, for she lives on a steep hillside, overlooking a beautiful wooded ravine.

She still will continue to play the organ for weddings and other special occasions.

Her musical talent was inherited, for her father, a medical doctor, was "very musical." Also, some years back, in the Chisholm family, there was a whole orchestra. Miss Chisholm has located evidences of this orchestra

in the music she found in an uncle's old trunk.

Hazel Chisholm was born in Summit, Mississippi, the daughter of Robert Benjamin and Elouise McGee Chisholm. One of four children, she had two brothers, now deceased, and one sister.

When she was thirteen, she became organist of the Baptist church in Summit, only two or three years after she was baptized in that same church. When the town of Summit celebrated its Centennial several years ago, she was invited to return to her hometown for the presentation of an organ concert.

After graduating from high school at Summit, she majored in piano at Belhaven and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, then went to New York, where her sister, Elise was working as a theatrical press agent.

"I hadn't been living there three weeks when we wrote a show," she reveals. Collaborating with a friend, Miss Chisholm composed incidental music for a dramatic show, "Life Is Like That" and not only sold it but got splendid notices on a song called "Weary Soul."

She continued to compose and wrote "quite a bit for interpretive dancers, such as Charles Wiedman, and the Martha Graham Group. One of her numbers was done in the Roxie Theater by the Charles Wiedman Group.

Meantime she earned her living as a vocal coach. Having done a lot of accompanying to pay her tuition at the Conservatory, she became assistant to a well-known vocal coach.

For seven years she remained in New York. Her sister, the widow of the late Lewis E. Lawes, still lives in New York, on her Hudson River estate, opposite West Point Military Academy. Mr. Lawes, for many years

warden at Sing Sing, was author of the best-seller, "Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing." During World War II he was head of the Prison War Production Board.

After returning to Jackson, Miss Chisholm taught organ and was choral coach at Belhaven College for several years.

She is a past president of the American Guild of Organists and was instrumental in the organization of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra and the Jackson Opera Guild.

Psalms 40:3 has always been a meaningful guide for her life: "And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." Also the 12th chapter of II Corinthians has meant a lot to me," she says.

What advice would she give to a young person hoping to be a church organist? "First, learn to play the piano. Everybody who is a musician should first learn to play the piano."

If she could relive her life, could



HAZEL CHISHOLM DAY at First Church, Jackson—Left to right are Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and former pastor of First Church; Miss Chisholm, who has just retired as organist at First Church, after serving there almost 28 years; and Rev. Larry Rohrman, present pastor of the church.

Grandview, Meridian To Observe 10th Year

Grandview Church, Meridian, will on Sunday, March 15, observe the tenth anniversary of being organized into a church. All friends and former members are invited.

Following regular morning services and dinner at the church, there will be special music and a preaching service at 1:30 p. m. Rev. Earl Wells, who was first pastor, when Grandview was a mission, will preach. Rev. Norman Arthur is the pastor.

A special offering will be taken for the building fund.

Mississippi Third In Brotherhood Study Course Credits

A total of 1,245 persons qualified for study course credit in Brotherhood leadership training during January and February, a church study course report revealed.

The acceleration in training pushed study course awards since October 1 to 2,025, the report said.

About 3,300 persons received study course credit in Brotherhood leadership training last year.

South Carolina lead all states with 241 awards during the latest two-month training effort. Alabama was second with 157 awards and Mississippi third with 129.

Wm. Carey Receives \$5000 From Ellisville Resident

William Carey College was the recipient recently of a generous \$5000 gift by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Walters, long-time residents of Ellisville.

"We feel the need and importance of Christian education in our world today, and we want to be a part of its growth and development," commented Walters as he presented his gift. He was accompanied to the college by his pastor, Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor of First Church, Ellisville.

The pastor commented, "Mr. Walters has been a deacon in our church for many years and is a very faithful servant of the Lord. Mrs. Walters has also been very active in all phases of our church life and is now serving as Day WMS President of our church. They are very dear to me personally and having the privilege of serving them as pastor is a most rewarding experience. I, too, am re-

joicing over the generous gift made by the Walters to Christian education at William Carey College."

Mr. Walters is the son of the late John Wesley Walters and Nancy Samral Walters, long-time residents of Jones County. Mr. Walters is now retired following many years of service as an educator. He was professor of biology for many years at Jones

Junior College in Ellisville. Two of his nephews have been active in Hattiesburg circles: Sheriff Gene Walters and Joe Justin Walters, formerly minister of music at Main Street Church. His sister is Dr. Alpha Melton, director of social work at Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Walters is the former Antoinette Lewis and is retired from her

position as professor of home economics at Jones Junior College.

"The unique high calibre of the family from whom this gift comes makes it even more meaningful to us at Carey College," commented Dr. Noonkester. "We shall certainly see that this money is spent in a wise manner and for the glory of God as the Walters have requested."

Missionary Tells Of First Worship Service In Nigerian War Area

By John E. Mills
Southern Baptist Missionary
Field Representative
For Western Africa

ONITSHA, Nigeria (BP) — In a church building without doors or windows, and with a big shell hole where there should have been a roof over our heads, 36 Nigerians joined me and Southern Baptist Missionary Russell L. Locke in the first worship service in the town of Onitsha in Eastern Nigeria since the Nigerian Civil War ended two weeks earlier.

The people sat on salvaged cement blocks, sang choruses in Ibo, listened to a brief sermon, and closed the service singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

At the close an old man spoke up: "It has been very hard, and it will be hard, but we are alive, and we are at home; so we thank God."

Questioned about his actions during the war, another man said: "We small people, we do not really know about such things; we only did what the big men told us to do."

He spoke, I am sure, for the masses of people who were caught up in the tragedy. Not many really know why their leaders led in an effort to secede. Very few are even trying to fix responsibility; they are simply thankful that the shooting has stopped, and they can go home.

Physical damage to buildings in Onitsha is extensive since the city was shelled heavily when federal Nigerian troops took it from the secessionists. Most buildings, except those in the southeast corner of the city, lost roofs, windows and doors and there was in most cases damage to the walls as well.

Several thousand of the inhabitants who had fled during the fighting have now returned to the city and are living in the least damaged quarter. It was there that our service was held.

Food was scarce. Money, issued by the rebel regime was worthless in the city, and needs were genuine. But the process of cutting back the bush which had grown in the city, cleaning the houses and clearing the debris of war had begun.

A few miles to the south of Onitsha the roads were open and people were free to move past the military checkpoints as they headed home.

Individuals and little groups moved along the roads, most of them walking, carrying small children and all of their earthly possessions. Some pushed crude carts made with wheels from bicycles, often without tires.

A few fortunate families rode in their own cars still bearing licenses of the former secessionist government, their possessions stacked inside and sometimes tied on top. Often there was a smile and a wave. They were going home!

Also south of Onitsha were some of the more fortunate people who had been able to remain in their homes during the entire war. Many of their houses were still camouflaged with

palm branches to hide them from the airplanes.

Some of the people had even managed to plant their farms during the war. Now they had a little food for sale, though the prices were so high most of those who headed down the roads for home, could not afford to buy it.

Reports from the southern part of the former rebel-held area indicated that larger numbers of refugees who had fled their homes were returning.

Many were going back to villages that had been battlegrounds, where there is little left of what was home before the war. They may well be the greatest sufferers.

The Nigerian government indicated its willingness to help, and the Nigerian Red Cross undertook distribution of supplies and funds given by the Nigerian government and friends from abroad. The government feels very strongly that all relief efforts by Nigerians themselves.

Hopefully, Southern Baptist mis-

sionaries who know the area may assist in these efforts in cooperation with the Red Cross. There can be no doubt that the war has caused widespread suffering and need. The task of rehabilitation will be long and costly.

The Nigerian Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries), in an emergency session just a few days after the end of the war, took action to return some of the missionaries who formerly worked in these war-affected areas.

It remains to be seen just what the role of these missionaries will be how they can help in relief efforts, what can be done to repair church buildings and to begin worship services, and how fast they can meet the urgent needs.

But all the missionaries give thanks to God that the war itself is over, people can go home in Nigeria, and the great task of reconstruction can begin. Nigeria needs the prayers and financial support of Southern Baptists for the critical days ahead.

Florence Lide Dies

Miss Florence Lide, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary who served 41 years in China and Nigeria, died Feb. 26 in Florence, S. C. She was 86.

Funeral was held Feb. 26 at Waters Funeral Home in Florence, with burial in Society Hill, S. C.

An invalid for the past 10 years, she had been hospitalized for several months.

She retired in 1954 and made her home in Florence with her sister, Miss Jane Lide, emeritus missionary to China. A brother, Francis P. Lide, former Southern Baptist missionary to the Orient, died Feb. 15.

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Proposed Bylaws Of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

(To Be Presented at State WMU Convention)
Article I.

NAME: The name of this organization shall be Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Article II.

OBJECT: The object shall be to promote Christian missions through the organizations of Woman's Missionary Union in the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Article III. Relationships:

Section 1. Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union shall cooperate with the Mississippi Baptist Convention in the promotion of Christian Missions, through a program of study, prayer, giving and action.

Section 2. Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, recognizing the autonomy of district, associational and church Woman's Missionary Union organizations, shall cooperate on each level to achieve unity of purpose and collective action.

Section 3. Offerings shall include Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, Annie Armstrong Easter offering for Home Missions, Margaret Lackey offering for State Missions, and WMU Special Day offering.

Article IV.

MEMBERS: The members of Woman's Missionary Union organizations in churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention shall comprise the membership of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Article V. Officers:

Section 1. The officers shall be a president, vice-president, recording secretary and associate recording secretary. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall hold office for one year. The term of elected officers shall not exceed six years, and one year shall elapse before officers may be eligible for election to the previously held office. The term of office shall begin at the final adjournment of the annual meeting.

Section 2. The duties of the various officers shall be such as are specified in these by-laws, and the policy of the Executive Board of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Section 3. Should a vacancy occur during the year, the nominating committee shall present to the Executive Board a nominee for election to fill such vacancy.

Article VI. Nominations & Election.

Section 1. The nominating committee shall be composed of the district directors.

Section 2. The recording secretary shall call a meeting of the Nominating Committee for organization, at which time a chairman, a co-chairman and secretary shall be elected.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall meet at least two months prior to the next annual meeting for the election of nominees. The chairman shall call the meeting, designating time and place and notify all members at least two weeks in advance.

Section 4. The Nominating Committee shall elect the following nominees each year: president, vice-president,

recording secretary, and associate recording secretary.

Section 5. As soon as possible after electing nominees, the Nominating Committee shall obtain the consent of all nominees.

Section 6. The chairman shall bring the report of the Nominating Committee to Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union in annual meeting.

Section 7. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Should there be more than one nominee for an office, election shall be by ballot; the nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

Article VII. Meetings:

Section 1. A regular meeting of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union shall be held annually, time and place shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The program plans for the annual meeting shall be approved by the WMU Executive Board.

Section 3. Woman's Missionary Union members present in any session of an annual meeting shall constitute the voting body. Business shall be conducted when scheduled in the printed annual meeting program; exceptions shall be made only when the body votes in a previous session of the same annual meeting to schedule an additional business session.

Section 4. Conferences and other meetings shall be held as authorized by the Executive Board.

Article VIII. The Executive Board:

Section 1. The membership of the Executive Board shall be the officers, district directors and district Associate directors whose tenure of office shall not exceed six years, and one year shall elapse before one would be eligible for election to the previously held office. The president, vice-president, executive secretary-treasurer, recording secretary and associate recording secretary of the Union shall hold like positions on the Executive Board. The professional staff shall be ex-officio members on the Executive Board without vote.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held semi-annually, the time and place to be fixed by the Board.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the president, or shall be called at the request of at least one-third of the voting members of the Executive Board.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall nominate all executive and professional personnel on the staff of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union to be elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall be responsible for formulating broad policies and for integrating the work of the committees of the Board and professional staff.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall hold and administer all property and funds on behalf of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, and shall have the power of trustees in business matters, such as acquiring and conveying property.

Section 8. The Executive Board shall hold the executive secretary-treasurer responsible for the administration, development, and execution

Mississippi To Lead Singing At BBI Homecoming

GRACEVILLE, FLORIDA — Baptist Bible Institute will have three visitors to lead in its annual Spirit Life Week services, plus alumni from at least six states for Homecoming Day.

Homecoming is March 31, beginning the three-day event which will run through the evening service, April 2.

Dr. M. J. Lee, pastor of First Church, Guymon, Oklahoma, will be the preacher. John Tillman Laughlin, minister of music and youth activities, First Church, Meridian, will be the singer. Dr. Helen Falls, Professor of Missions, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak and lead service.

Spiritual life chapel services will be at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., March 31-April 2. Mr. Laughlin will present a music recital, beginning at 3:00 p.m., Thursday.

If you see good in everybody, nearly everybody will see good in you.

of established plans, policies and board programs of the Executive Board.

Article IX. Committees:

Section 1. The president and the executive secretary-treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all committees of Woman's Missionary Union except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Committees, standing of special, except those herein provided, shall be appointed by the president as authorized by Woman's Missionary Union, or the Executive Board.

Article X.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY: The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern Woman's Missionary Union in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these by-laws.

Article XI.

AMENDMENTS: The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting provided that the proposed amendment has been published in two issues of the Baptist Record at least one month before the WMU Convention and has also been submitted in writing to the Executive Board at its last semi-annual meeting. Such proposed amendment must be presented on the first day of the annual WMU meeting, action, on same being deferred until a subsequent session.

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Jesus Promises The Spirit

By Clifton J. Allen

The last three lessons for this quarter should be thought of as a unit which tells of the climax of God's redemptive work in Jesus. The earthly mission of Jesus moved steadily toward the final crisis in Jerusalem where he gave his life for the sins of the world.



In our larger Bible lesson, John 14-16, we have the final instruction of Jesus to the disciples the night before his crucifixion. A central theme of the upper-room discourse is the promise of the Holy Spirit and of the mystical-unity of Jesus and his followers through the Spirit. Jesus was about to give his life in fulfillment of God's purpose. But he would conquer sin and death through his resurrection, and his Spirit would be given to equip his followers for their mission.

The Lesson Explained THE PROMISE OF HELP (vv. 15-17)

Love and obedience are inseparably related, and both are central in the Christian's relationship with Jesus. He stressed this as he talked with the disciples. Jesus then made one of his greatest promises, namely, to ask the Father to send the Comforter to be with Christians always. "Comforter" means a person called alongside to help. The Holy Spirit is our helper. "Another" means one of the same kind. Therefore, the Spirit is like Jesus. In the Spirit we have what Jesus was — the same love and compassion and goodness and power and wisdom, in fact, God himself. Jesus was about to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit would come in his stead and remain forever. He is the Spirit of truth. Through him we are guided into the truth and enabled to understand the truth. The world cannot receive him. The unbelieving, sinful world has no place for God and cannot receive the Spirit.

THE OBEDIENCE OF LOVE (vv. 18-24)

Jesus reassured the disciples, saying that he would give his life on the cross and leave them for a brief time, but he would return through his resurrection. His resurrection would be the assurance of their resurrection. They would have his life in them through the Spirit, and they would know the power of his resurrection. Then Jesus went on to emphasize the kind of relationship that ought to exist between Christians and their Lord, a relationship of love and obedience. There is no true relationship with Christ apart from love; if there is love, obedience ought to follow. Love for Christ will of course involve love for the Father and an awareness of being loved by the Father and the capacity for understanding Christ

more fully and entering more completely into his purpose. Judas, not Iscariot, wanted a more outward manifestation of Jesus' power. But Jesus assured him that love is enough: the motive for obedience, the bond of oneness with the Father, and the clue to enjoying true oneness with Jesus.

THE GIFT OF PEACE (vv. 25-29) Again the promise was made that the Father would send the Holy Spirit to be in and with all believers. He would bring to the remembrance of the disciples the things that Jesus had said to them. The hearts of the disciples were almost overcome by fear. Jesus bequeathed to them the priceless blessing of peace. This is not the kind of blessing the unbelieving world understands or gives. Even Christians may misunderstand the true meaning. Peace is not a shallow emotion of satisfaction in escaping from strife and living in quietness. Rather, it is inner stability and adequacy grounded on faith in Christ, which is independent of circumstances. There can be peace in the midst of strife. There can be a deep sense of inner peace with God through his forgiveness, inner security through his loving care, and inner confidence through his all-sufficient grace. The words of Jesus to the disciples were meant to fortify them for his death, for his later ascension and for all the hard experiences they would encounter in the future.

1st, New Albany Calls Pastor for New Mission

First Church, New Albany, has called Rev. Gall Eddings as mission pastor. He will work in the Clark Street Mission which was started by the men of the church in November, 1969.

The mission is located in an area where two other denominations have work, and serves a very limited area.

Some twenty-five children are enrolled in the mission that were not attending Sunday school and church. The mission will serve as a base to teach and preach the gospel, and also to help the people who are in need. The church provides clothing, shoes, food, fuel and medicine and helps in any area of need.

The young people have had socials for the children of the area and the church had Christmas dinner for twenty-two children. First Church is presently helping two churches, one in Montana, the other located in New Albany. This mission is the fourth church that has been helped by First Baptist in New Albany, Rev. William F. Evans, pastor.

Someone has defined eternity as a big ham and two people. — Phyllis S. Prokop in "Sunday Dinner Cookbook," Broadman Press.

The Christian And Government

By Bill Duncan

Romans 13:1-7

We live in a time when the most popular thing is to criticize the government. The spirit of the rebellion is high among some



good (so called) Christians. What we need is some Christian patriots who will see the government in the eyes of Paul the apostle. He looked upon the Roman Government as a power that had been ordained by God. There never was a stranger dictatorship in the history of the world. They even suppressed the religion of Christianity. Yet Paul was willing to claim the government of Rome as a hand of God.

The Legal Powers are Ordained by God (Verses 1, 2)

"Government is God's external methods of preserving the world. The higher powers refer to the constituted authorities. When we think of them being ordained of God, we mean that God is the author of all government. He countenances the various forms of government in the world in spite of all their imperfections.

We need to make certain that we respect the office of good government. However, we see godless political officials who need to be replaced with Christians who will follow God's will. There must always be respect for the office that any man holds. The spirit of contempt for all authority that is abroad today must not be supported by the people of God.

We see a lot of public sympathy today for lawlessness in the unwillingness of the public to have crime punished. This is where law-enforcement breaks down. From the whole, judges, prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, and police, would have criminals dealt with firmly, but the technicalities of legal procedures are seized upon by unscrupulous men to defeat law. And who would be so foolish as to claim that things could be so if the entire community were in their hearts righteously abhorrent toward all law-breaking?

The Legal Powers are Ordained for Good

"Rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil." Verse 3. Government preserve order thru law. How long would you live in a community where there were no laws? The government protects the law-abiding, and punishes the law-defying.

The Christians should obey the state because order attains a peaceful life here on earth. The state has a perfect right to expect this spirit of submission.

The late William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, has said this about government. "The primary function of the State is to secure by law those external conditions of well-being which can be settled by universal reg-

ulations such as property rights. When government begins to regulate areas of medicine, religion, crime, etc., the first duty of resistance is by protest. He suggests peaceable protest.

As the state governs in God's name, it must not do anything contrary to God's law. Christians remember that absolute obedience belongs to God only.

The law-abiding person has no reason to fear the state, but the person who defies authority and transgresses the bounds of right and freedom makes himself liable to punishment by the state. Christians are to be obedient to law not through fear of punishment, but conscience sake. The motive is loyalty to what is right in the sight of God.

The Legal Powers are to be supported Civil authority in its fundamental nature is designed of God to preserve order and justice and to encourage good and prevent evil. Therefore, the Christian has a duty to support the state with his payment of taxes. This is a moral obligation. The officials render aid to society and should be supported for their services. The position merits the respect of Christian citizens. "Fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor."

We need to recommit ourselves to our Christian, civic responsibility. We must begin by exercising our opportunity to vote on all matters. Christian should offer themselves and encourage other Christians to run for public office. We will never get the so-called "crooks" out of politics until we elect good qualified Christian citizens. People need to serve on the juries of our court system. This has become less than a true representation of our citizenship because many do not want to serve. We must as Christians become "a mighty force for morality in government, for justice and freedom for all men," and for principles which guarantee an enduring democracy.

The men and women who have done the most good for our world have been those who knew where they were going. — Charles and Ruby Treadway in "Fifty Character Stories," Broadman Press.

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Clinton Couple Earns Special Citation Diploma

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ashley of Clinton's First Church, center, above, were recently presented the Special Citation Diploma by their pastor, Dr. Russell McIntire, right, and their minister of education, Mose Dangerfield, left. This diploma with the accompanying seals represents the study of one hundred books under the Church Study Course Awards system which on January 1970 was revised.

Mr. Ashley is a deacon at First Church, and until a few years ago was an adult men's Sunday school teacher. Mrs. Ashley worked in many areas of the program of the church, including the Royal Ambassadors, and was for many years the superintendent of a junior department. Both are now retired and spend their leisure hours studying when Mrs. Ashley is not gardening in their spacious back yard.

Mrs. Ashley completed through home study 20 books from January through May, while Mr. Ashley com-

pleted 50 books from January through August of 1969, after they were made aware that the study course system would be changed beginning in 1970. All of Mr. Ashley's books were read to him by his wife. He then dictated the answers to the questions as Mrs. Ashley did the writing. Most of the time Mrs. Ashley was also writing her own answers at the same time. Mrs. Ashley says that this study is something worthwhile and interesting for older people. She says, "We grab a book and read what other people might play scrabble or checkers." She further stated "the more we studied, the more we wanted to study about God's word and His kingdom."

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley made this their special project during their retirement years. Now that they've completed this project, they've immediately begun a new project—that of studying books in the New Church Study Course system.

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Devotional

Nathaniel And Pre-Judgment

By L. Dudley Wilson, Pastor
Northminster Church, Jackson

Nathaniel is not among the prominent figures in the New Testament account of the ministry of Jesus. Unspectacular in manner, apparently lacking a flair for colorful leadership, he is almost unnoticed among the group of early disciples. Mentioned elsewhere in the Gospel of John, he is remembered, nevertheless, mainly for the events surrounding his first recorded introduction to Jesus (John 1:43-51).

Responding to Philip's assertion that the Messiah had been found, he revealed a hearty inclination toward reaching oversimplified, general conclusions. Unimpressed by his knowledge of Nazareth or by the inhabitants of the village, he disclosed a strong negative prejudice toward everything or everyone coming out of the area—"can anything good come out of Nazareth?" He had pre-judged Jesus, identified Him with all of the bad, rumored or related, about Nazareth, and concluded that Philip was mistaken. In retrospect, one realizes that Nathaniel almost missed the most meaningful experience and relationship of his life because of his prejudice about a town and its citizens.

This should not be surprising, for it reveals the life style of prejudice, making decisions about places, institutions and people, based not on experience or knowledge but on pre-judgments, reaching verdicts before the evidence is presented. People can be dismissed from one's mind because of geography, religion, politics, nationality or race, regardless of the kind of persons they may be.

Institutions or countries can be personally blacklisted because of their location or due to unfortunate experiences with their representatives. For example, an Oxford University student once remarked, "I despise all Americans, but have never met one I didn't like." As with Nathaniel, operating on the impressions created or fed by pre-judging, people assume the costly risk of missing some of the most meaningful relationships and experiences of life. Additionally, they live irresponsibly. But this is the route prejudice follows, whatever form it takes.

Fortunately for Nathaniel, Philip spoke to his prejudice by requesting that he "... come and see." Accepting the invitation he was impressed immediately by Jesus, discarded the pre-judgments and quickly acknowledged Him as "Son of God and King of Israel." An immense change of attitude transpired when Nathaniel was confronted with the person, Jesus of Nazareth, and discovered that his pre-judgment had misled him into erroneous and costly conclusions.

Observing and, perhaps, learning from Nathaniel's experience with Jesus, we may be able to discern the insidious threat prejudice presents to the Christian life. While Christian love calls for acceptance of, and sharing of life with, one another, prejudice produces fear, distrust, and even hostility. It has the power to dull Christian sensitivity and thwart personal growth and ministry.

Prejudice poses as large a threat to Christians as it did to Nathaniel. It is too expensive!

BBI Shares In Doctor's Estate

GRACEVILLE, Fla. — Baptist Bible Institute has shared in the estate of the late Dr. William J. Martin of Oviedo, Fla., for \$71,781.09, President James E. Southerland has reported. "The amount is in securities of one kind or another, in unrestricted

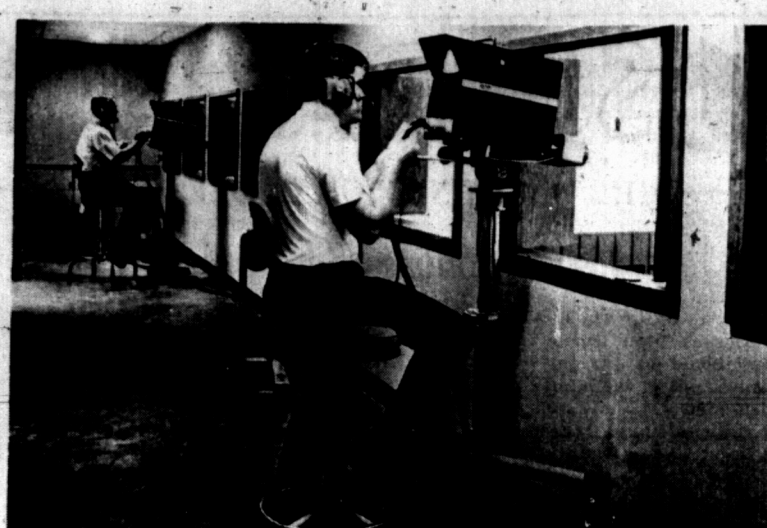
funds," Dr. Southerland said.

The will stipulated that the funds be deposited with the Florida Baptist Foundation, the income to go to the Institute.

Gus Johnson, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation, has estimated that the income from the bequest will amount to about \$3,000 the first year. The endowment will be known as the Dr. J. William and Pearl G. Martin Memorial Fund.



NOW IN A NEW FACILITY, Parkview Church, Greenville, was designed to draw upon the effectiveness of modern communication. Rev. Rolfe Dorsey, pastor, is shown in insert.



THE TV INSTALLATION AT Parkview includes two compact, studio-type cameras on the balcony with the control room housing consoles for video and audio processing equipment. Church members serve as TV crew.

Volunteer Members Of Parkview Church Furnish Talent For Televising Services

Utilizing its own television station, Parkview Church, Greenville, has embarked on a mission to which all members of the congregation are committed. To act as a lighthouse in Greenville, bringing the "light of the world" to the city, has been Parkview's goal since its founding some years ago. Now, in a new facility carefully designed to draw upon the effectiveness of modern communication, the church beams its light not only to the city, but to almost the entire Mississippi and Arkansas Delta region. Each Sunday morning, as worshippers enter the church, seven members of the congregation are busy in a glass-enclosed balcony preparing equipment for full television coverage of the services.

Two television cameras are rolled into position as Rev. Rolfe Dorsey, Parkview's pastor, walks to the pulpit. The church's telecast is received by a local television station via microwave transmission link and then broadcast live into the homes of the people. Through a relatively simple production installation, the morning's services will reach some quarter of a million individuals.

"We now are preaching to more people on Sunday mornings than all of the other churches in Washington County put together," Pastor Dorsey said.

WABG-TV, Greenville, the station which airs Parkview's religious telecast, estimates that as many as 100,000 homes receive the church services each Sunday morning. Church leaders say this can be translated into figures of 300,000 or more persons per broadcast.

The equipment used at Parkview is modest but effective. A narrow balcony and control room were in the blueprints when the church was designed.

Supplied by Cohu Electronics, Inc., San Diego, California, the TV installation includes two compact, studio-type cameras on the balcony with the control room housing consoles for video and audio processing equipment.

The time and talent needed for televising the services is supplied by volunteer members of the church. Director for the Sunday program is the vice president of a Greenville bank. One cameraman is a forestry worker; his backup man is a gas station operator. The senior cameraman is a safety official in a local plant and his backup man is a grid star on one of the local high school football teams. A pharmaceutical salesman is the announcer and an electrician handles the lighting.

"We have two separate crews of seven men each," Pastor Dorsey said, "and all of them are members of the

church and volunteers for this mission."

Television technicians aren't easy to come by, and Parkview Church knows it as well as any major network.

"We recently lost two of our best technicians," the pastor said, "but they told us before they left that it wasn't until they became involved in this television program that they felt any great commitment to God's work. Neither of them would have been a good teacher or a good missionary in the sense that they might have swayed other men to God's work, but they were able to operate in this medium, to respond to a camera."

"What we're talking about isn't a one-man show—it's a team effort. Someone can operate lights, someone can make the audio go, someone else can do something else and together, functioning as a group, they can make it an entity."

After some initial qualms, Parkview parishioners have become extremely pleased with the effect of the televised services.

"When they walk up to someone's door and explain that they're from Parkview," Pastor Dorsey said, "it's not like a stranger. Most people have seen us on television and the result is a different kind of reception for our people."

There is an even broader application of the televised services. Throughout most of the Mississippi Delta and even beyond, the word—the Word of God—is out among the people. The church placed its television resources behind the Hurricane Camille rescue effort and reaped large results. Calls came in from Yazoo City, from Grenada, and from Tupelo—all of them nearly 100 miles away—and it is this sort of response that convinces the church the mission is succeeding.

Tucker's Crossing Calls New Pastor

Rev. Frank Smith, has assumed his duties as pastor of Tucker's Crossing Church, Jones Association. Prior to Tucker's Crossing he was at Oakland Grove Church, Jones Association. While at Oakland Grove missions gifts were increased, the educational building was brick veneered, a baptistry was installed, new furniture was purchased, drapes installed, carpet placed in the sanctuary, and an organ purchased. Other churches that he has served include Fellowship (Green) and Pleasant Valley (Simpson).

Mrs. Smith is the former Shirley Griffith, of Prentiss; the Smiths have two boys, Joseph 5, and Timothy, 2.

Off The Record

A inveterate golfer came home to dinner. During the meal, his wife said, "Willie tells me he caddied for you this afternoon."

"Well," said Willie's father, "I thought I'd seen that boy before."

Teacher: "Johnny, where is Brazil?"
Johnny (stalling): "Where do you think it is?"

Teacher: "I don't think, I know."
Johnny: "I don't think I know, either."

Singer: "Don't you like my voice?"
Pianist: "Madam, I have played on the white keys, and I have played on the black keys—but you sing in the cracks!"

"The best thing for you to do," said the doctor to the man with a nervous complaint, "is to stop thinking about yourself and how you yourself are doing."

"Good heavens," said the patient, "I'm a concrete mixer."
After looking up and down the crowded sidewalks of a large city, a little boy went up to the policeman standing on the corner and asked, "Did you happen to see a lady going by without me?" —Capper's Weekly.



Four Above Five Years

Thirteen at Fellowship Church, Tipton County, have earned Sunday school perfect attendance pins. Four of these have records for above five years: Timothy Latch, six years; second row, center; Randy Latch, seven years, third row, left; Rhonda Bullock, seven years, third row, center; and Sheila Bullock, seven years, third row, right. Rev. Preston Latch is pastor.



BSU Officials at "Bash"
BSU officials of three North Mississippi institutions of higher learning look over a new Physical Education Journal in the foyer of Tyler Gymnasium at Blue Mountain College just before the practice basketball games began for their teams who participated in the BMC "Bash" held on the campus for fun and readiness looking toward the BSU Tournaments to be held at Sunflower Junior College, March 20-21. Left to right: Woody Barham from the BSU of the University of Mississippi; Mrs. Ulvie Pitts, wife of the BSU Director at Itawamba Junior College, Fulton; and Rev. Robert Sugg, BSU Director of BMC.

BSU Councils Gather For 'Bash' At Blue Mountain

Approximately 45 members of the Baptist Student Union Councils of the University of Mississippi, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Booneville, and Itawamba Junior College, Fulton, attended the February 21 afternoon "Bash" held at Blue Mountain College in Tyler Gymnasium. The "Bash" consisted of basketball games, fun, good food, special devotional messages, and singings.

Rev. Robert Sugg, BSU Director of Blue Mountain College, was assisted by Miss Johnnie Armstrong, Director of the Department of Physical Education and Health, and by many Blue Mountain students.

On Saturday evening, after dinner served in Ray Dining Hall for the many guests, competitive basketball games were played in preparation for the State BSU Basketball Tournaments which will be held at Sunflower Junior College, Moorhead, March 20-21. During the practice games for the State BSU Tournaments, the University of Mississippi girls' team won over Blue Mountain girls' team, and at the close of the second practice game, Northeast Mississippi Junior boys' team won over the boys' team of Itawamba Junior College.

Before leaving the BMC campus,

Names In The News

Billy S. Hilburn has resigned as minister of music and education of East Grand Church, Dallas, effective March 15. He joined the church staff in 1956. His plans are to continue his music ministry through his association with a Dallas religious music publication company, writing, producing records and conducting choral clinics throughout the state. He plans also to accept a limited number of evangelistic singing engagements. He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. He is a native Mississippian, and served for two years as education-music director of First Church, Gulfport.

Rev. Van Hardin, after twelve years of service with First Church, Moss Point, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church, Leakesville. He and Mrs. Hardin have already moved on the new field.

Six Mississippi College graduates have been selected for inclusion in the 1970 edition of OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA. It was announced this week. Mississippi College alumni listed are Jim Warren Krout, McComb; Jimmy Lamar Morrison, Jackson; Rev. Gordon H. Samsing, Marks; Tom Stewart-Lee, Forest; Dr. Joe Glenn Peeler, Jr., Shaw; and Rev. James M. Porch, Jr., Brookhaven.



Rev. Kenneth Wayne Moore, at right, was ordained to the ministry in services at Arbor Grove Church, Chickasaw County, on Sunday afternoon, March 1. Pictured at left, presenting the Bible, is Charlie Martin, Mr. Moore's father-in-law. The Arbor Grove pastor, Rev. Pardee Tutor, is shown at center. Mr. Moore is now serving as interim pastor of Woodland Church, Woodland, in Chickasaw County.

all guests gathered for the fellowship time. Larry Garner of Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Randy Wood of Itawamba Junior College, and Don Winters, also of Itawamba Junior College brought devotional messages.



Mrs. Chandler Clover of Jackson, has been chosen as a Distinguished Alumna for 1970 by the Alumni Association of Louisiana College, Pineville. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rowan Smith, 4604 Three Notch Road, Mobile, she is pictured with her daughters, Janelle, 15, and Cheri, 13.

Her special cultural interest has been the Jackson Symphony Orchestra, which has now achieved Metropolitan status with a budget of more than \$150,000 annually. Mrs. Clover is currently on the 1970 executive committee of five women to produce the nation's only statewide Festival, the Mississippi Arts Festival. At First Baptist Church, Jackson she works in Women's Missionary Union, a member of the program committee. She has worked in Sunday school and church development programs and is now co-chairman of the publicity committee for the upcoming revival in March. For several years, she was director of public relations for Belhaven College. Mrs. Clover received her Distinguished Alumni award at the alumni steak supper held at Louisiana College, Pineville, February 28, on Homecoming Day.

Dr. James Travis, professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College, taught the Epistle of James at Byhalia Church, beginning Sunday morning, Feb. 22, and continuing each night through Wednesday, Feb. 25. Attendance was good and a number of decisions were made among the young people. Rev. Bill Moseley is the pastor.

Miss Miriam Ann Gullatt, daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, Rev. and Mrs. Tom D. Gullatt, was married Feb. 21 to S. Sgt. Kenneth L. Taylor at Tokyo Baptist Church.

New Orleans Saints' quarterback Edd Hargett, who as a child attended a small town church "where twenty was a crowd" spoke to a turn-away crowd of 1,500 at Trinity High School Auditorium, Euless, Texas, February 5, during the James Robinson City-Wide Crusade. Hargett, who set national passing records at Texas A&M, was returning a visit and returning a favor for James Robinson, who led the Euless Evangelistic Crusade, sponsored by four Baptist Churches. One hundred and thirty-five persons did accept Christ the night Hargett spoke and James Robinson preached. A total of six hundred and sixteen decisions were made by persons attending the February 1-4 city-wide crusade; 458 made professions of faith.

Dr. and Mrs. L. Byron Harbin, missionary appointees, were scheduled to leave Feb. 18 for a year of language study in Campinas, Brazil (address: Caixa 679, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil). Born in Tuscaloosa County, Ala., he lived near Marietta, Ga., while growing up. She is the former Dora Dunkley of McLaurin, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board last June.

James Keith Byrd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Byrd of Columbia, has been licensed to the Gospel ministry at First Church, Columbia. James attended the University of Southern Mississippi and is now a sophomore at Mississippi College. The First Baptist Church, Dr. Howard Aukerman, pastor, is "extremely proud of this young man and recommends him for supply, youth meetings, etc."

John S. Stubblefield surrendered to the gospel ministry on August 24 and was licensed to preach, that same night, by Calvary Church, Canton. A native of Lexington, Tennessee, he lived there until 1966 when he moved to Mississippi. He and his wife, the former Fran Alexander of Camden, Miss., have three young children. Mr. Stubblefield is attending night classes at Mississippi College and has also taken correspondence courses from Worth Bible College.

Fort Worth, Texas. His pastor, Rev. Alfred N. Evans, states that he is available for a full-time pastorate or for supply preaching. He may be reached by telephone or by letter at Route 1, Madison, 39110 (phone 859-4567).

Tommy Fortenberry has accepted the position of minister of music and youth at Calvary Church, Columbia.

He is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Fortenberry and the late Vernon Fortenberry. A native of Marion County, he received a music education degree from Mississippi State University in 1966.

He has served as minister of music and youth at Sallitillo and Verona Churches in North Mississippi and the Pine Burr Church in Marion County. In addition to his church-related work, Mr. Fortenberry taught high school chorus and English at the Battillo High School for four years and has completed additional work toward a Master's Degree in Music at the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. James H. Wright, Jr., is pastor at Calvary.

Marie Cox, senior voice major at Blue Mountain College, will present a recital on March 19, at 8 p. m. in the Auditorium of Garrett Hall on the college campus. This recital is in partial fulfillment of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. Miss Cox will be remembered in this area as Maria in The Sound of Music, performed last spring on the college campus. During the summer, she attended the Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Eureka Springs, Arkansas and played the lead role of Melanie in Ten Males, No Men during Festival Week at the Point. Miss Cox is a graduate of East Tallahatchie High School in Charleston, Mississippi and is the daughter of Mrs. Retus W. Cox of Scooby, Mississippi and the late Mr. Cox. The public is invited to attend this recital.

Rev. James E. Smith, pastor, First Church, Mendenhall, left Jackson airport Friday, March 6, for King Salmon, Alaska where he will be preaching and ministering for three weeks. Mr. Smith is one of 47 ministers who will be engaged in a simultaneous crusade in Alaska. He will return on March 24, and will lead the church in a dedication and "Open House" day, having recently completed a church building program.